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SHOCKING INCREASE IN STIs

More people
infected with
sex diseases

MEDWAY is in the grip of a sexual health crisis – with the number of diagnosed STIs rising by 170 per cent in just two years.

Last year specialist staff at Medway Maritime Hospital's genito urinary (GUM) clinic treated 1,940 cases of the six most common sexually transmitted diseases – including HIV/Aids, chlamydia and gonorrhoea – up from only 721 incidents in 2005.

These figures are much higher than the national average, with instances of chlamydia, genital herpes and gen-

EXCLUSIVE

BY SIMON ROBINSON

ital warts rising by less than ten per cent between 2005 and 2006.

Health experts have warned Medway's true figure is much higher, with potentially thousands of infected residents too scared or embarrassed to seek medical help.

Dr Chula Wijesurendra, who has worked at Medway's sexual health clinic for five years, urged people to come forward for check-ups, saying:

"Many people do not realise the serious risks involved in leaving a sexually transmitted infection untreated – one of the most common infections is chlamydia which can lead to fertility problems in both men and women.

"Treating an infection also prevents it from spreading from person to person which is important to reduce the STI rates in Medway and Swale."

Medway NHS Foundation Trust figures show 495 people contracted chlamydia in 2007 – an increase of 105 per cent on 2005's figure of 242.

Genital herpes also rose from 54 to 131 – up 143 per cent – in the same

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OUR MAN 'MEGS' GILLS STRIKER

YOURMEDWAY sports reporter David Pritchard joined the Gills for pre-season training this week – and out-skilled Gary Mulligan.

The 23-year-old striker was nutmegged and shown a clear pair of heels by our man David.

He was invited to take part in a training session by Gills boss Mark Stimson as the side prepare for the new season in League Two.

But that's hardly surprising since superfit Dave is a keen runner who completed the London Marathon in April.

More than 600 people have already watched the training session on Yourkenttv.co.uk

• See the pre-season session on Yourkenttv.co.uk Search 'Pritchard'.

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Housing boss refutes calls to step down

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

SENIOR cabinet member Tom Mason is facing fresh calls to resign over his "woeful" performance as housing boss.

The motion was put forward by Medway council's Labour group on Friday and comes just weeks after the Liberal Democrat group made the same plea.

Both parties cite a damning report which found Mason's housing service overpaid contractors £155,000 and suffered from "a lack of sufficient management controls".

The error-prone service was also rated as the worst in the country by the Audit Commission, which gave Medway a damning no-star assessment – the lowest grade possible.

In a letter to Yourmedway, deputy Labour group leader Glyn Griffiths said: "Since this was the second report in as many months that details the gross inadequacies of the housing department when it was the responsibility of councillor Mason, we have again put forward a motion calling on him to stand down from cabinet in recognition of his woeful performance."

"However, at the last full council meeting, rather than accept responsibility, councillor Mason bluffed and blundered his way around and refused to apologise, let alone stand down."

"His Tory colleagues aided and abetted his arrogance, and praised him for the work he had done in running the department into the ground."

"The real question is not about the length of service or personality. It is simply this; should the portfolio holder, who has ultimate responsibility for his department and is paid handsomely for it, take responsibility when things go drastically wrong?"

The Lib Dems called for councillor Mason's resignation following the overpayment scandal, in which a cat-



UNDER FIRE: Tom Mason is at centre of row alogue of errors led to a £155,000 overpayment – of which the council is unable to recover a single penny.

Group leader Geoff Juby said: "How can the people of Medway trust the council on housing issues after this report showed how the basics were not done properly?"

Councillor Mason hit back, saying: "I'm not pleased with Labour's request for my resignation. I think Labour's comments are unjustifiable."

"Their party's in a bad way and so they're having a go at me by way of a witch hunt and character assassination. I was in charge of housing for six months and during my time there were obviously problems, not least because three managers left within a short space of time."

"The monitoring officer looked at the department and concluded the problems laid with a lack of sufficient management controls, not with the portfolio holder."

"What the Labour party is saying is that I should have been micro-managing the whole department."

"As portfolio holder you can't do that – the managers are there to manage."

"I shall be speaking about this at tomorrow's council meeting."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Judge upholds term given to corrupt cop

A FORMER Medway police sergeant has failed to reduce his seven-year sentence for false imprisonment, theft, fraud and possession of a firearm.

Zak Owen, 37, from Rochester, was jailed in January after his bogus car-selling and internet credit card fraud scams were exposed. His legal team argued his sentence was excessive, but a judge at London's Court of Appeal ruled it was deserved as Owen had displayed a "gross betrayal of trust".

Trust to signpost any problems on wards

NOTICEBOARDS showing how many patients have recently contracted MRSA and C. diff will go up outside wards at Medway Maritime Hospital.

The signs, dubbed 'safety crosses' by Medway NHS Foundation Trust, will show the number of patients who have had a fall and acquired a pressure sore.

A Trust spokesman said: "By being open and honest we can put patients and their relatives at ease about staying on our wards as an inpatient."

£50,000 donation to brighten up centre

CREATIVE workshops will be offered at the Sunlight Centre thanks to a £10,000 donation by Invicta FM.

The arty Medway Create sessions will be held at the Gillingham centre every Wednesday and Friday between 9am and 4pm.

Invicta FM's donation was part of a countywide radio giveaway to fund young volunteering opportunities in the community. More than £50,000 was donated to seven groups across Kent.

Some motorists find crackdown too taxing

MORE than 50 untaxed vehicles were seized across Medway during a day-long police initiative.

The vehicles were taken to a pound, where they will remain until their owners pay their car tax.

Chief Inspector Des Keers said: "Some untaxed cars are left abandoned and they often attract the attention of vandals or arsonists. This can give the impression an area is a no-go zone and make people fearful."

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From Albert Square to Chatham High St

Panto's a new role for BBC soap star Joe

BY JANE CONNOLLY

FORMER EastEnders Joe Swash will make his pantomime debut at the Central Theatre in Chatham.

The actor, who played Mickey Miller in the BBC soap for five years, revealed his role as Buttons in Cinderella would be his first foray into the world of pantomime.

During a visit to the theatre on Friday, he spoke about how pleased he was to have chosen Medway.

"It's quite close to where I live and it's really beautiful," he said. "This is the first time I've been here so it's a pleasant surprise. I'm really looking forward to it."

Joe, 26, trained at Anna Scher's Theatre School in London as a child and had always wanted to land a part in EastEnders.

When his dream came true in 2003, it took some time to get used to his new life.

"I didn't go into the green room for the first four weeks," he said. "It was too intimidating. Then I got used to it and would bring my friends in. There were some real characters there."



Picture PHIL HOUGHTON

TREADING THE BOARDS: Joe is looking forward to playing Buttons in this year's Central Theatre panto Cinderella

Though he was slightly sad to leave the part, Joe is excited about trying out some new roles.

"It was brilliant and I don't know where I would be now if not for EastEnders," he said. "But it's time to do something on my own."

Joe was drawn to the role of Buttons because he has something in common with the humble footman who struggles with his unrequited love for Cinderella.

"I always thought Buttons was quite similar to me, because he's a hopeless romantic and so am I," he said.

"He's a lovely character, the kids' favourite. I love kids and I like to interact as much as possible. You never know what's going to happen on stage."

According to producers Paul Hendy and Emily Wood, there was a lot of interest in Joe from other pantomime companies and Chatham is lucky to have scooped him.

"I thought he was perfect," Paul said. "In the pantomime people want Cinderella to go with Buttons really, so you need somebody who the audience really like."

Cinderella will run at the Central Theatre from December 12, 2008 to January 4, 2009.

To book tickets call 01634 338338 or visit www.medway.gov.uk/cinderella.

Five arrested after assault on boy, 13

A TEENAGE boy is receiving round-the-clock medical care after a mob attacked him in Parkwood Green last week.

The 13-year-old suffered a severe head injury in the afternoon assault in Rainham on Wednesday.

Paramedics rushed him to Medway Maritime Hospital and later transferred him to a London hospital for specialist treatment. His condition was initially described as life-threatening, but is now said to be improving.

Five teenage boys have been arrested in connection with the attack. Three are 14 years old, while the other two are aged 13.

Detective Inspector Mike Morgan urged witnesses to come forward.

He said: "We know there were lots of people in the area when this incident occurred. Officers have already taken information from many of those present, but we are still asking anyone who thinks they may know something that will assist us with our enquiries to come forward."

"If you can help police, please contact detectives at Medway police station."

Call Medway police on 01634 792524 or Kent CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111.

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Sexual health is your own responsibility

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two-year period, while positive diagnoses of HIV/Aids went up 150 per cent from 16 to 40.

A trust spokesman said they are taking the spread of STIs seriously through its 'open door' policy, which has attracted record numbers since it was adopted in October 2006.

Dr Wijesurendra said: "It is reassuring that we are seeing and treating so many patients, but it's important we keep reminding people they must take responsibility for their sexual health."

Advice

"We understand it can be very embarrassing seeking advice or treatment for a sexually transmitted infection."

"The clinic team are aware of these difficulties and, needless to say, each patient is put at ease and treated with sensitivity."

"Patients can also choose to see a male or female doctor."

Medway Maritime Hospital's GUM clinic can be found in green zone level three.

The service is open from 9am to 4pm.

Sick builder bound his young victims during sex attacks

A PAEDOPHILE has been jailed for life after gagging, whipping and sexually abusing six boys and a girl.

Richard Moulding, 61, of Burlington Gardens in Rainham, Kent, admitted 22 charges including rape and indecent assault at Chelmsford Crown Court in Essex.

Moulding carried out the attacks across Essex between 1993 and 2007, abusing the children in his caravan at various locations.

He was finally caught when one of his victims was seen behaving inappropriately with another child and revealed what Moulding did to her.

The court heard how Moulding forced his victims to sign contracts agreeing to perform sex acts for cash.

The documents were found in his caravan alongside homemade DVDs of his attacks on the youngsters,

aged between six and ten years old. The horrifying footage showed the sick builder force the children into positions where they could hardly breathe before gagging, whipping and sexually abusing them.

One clip showed Moulding spanking a boy while sickening images of a young girl being gagged with a rubber mask were also discovered.

Prosecutor David Wilson said: "She said what had happened was a secret and that Moulding had said she shouldn't tell anyone."

"She went on to describe being bound, hog-tied and blindfolded while she was sexually abused."

Judge Christopher Ball QC told Moulding he must serve eight-and-a-half years before being considered for bail.



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Patients' special space makes all the difference

A CHIC hospital salon is helping to restore the dignity of cancer patients by providing private wig-fitting sessions.

The sessions take place in the comfort of an air-conditioned room, complete with refreshments and entertainment.

Medway NHS Foundation Trust's John McLaughlin said: "Before this special space was created, patients had to try on the wigs in a side room, which wasn't ideal."

"Being able to try on different styles in a purpose-built space, with close friends and family, makes a big difference."

Charity banger race puts friends in driving seat

FOUR friends will race an old banger across Europe next month in the Sucata Run charity rally.

Stephen Harris, Dave Moss, Ben Weeden and David Crompton, all from Medway, will join other racers in Rouen, France, on August 21 and spend four days driving to Cabo de Roca in Portugal, Europe's most westerly point.

All entrants must take on the 1,159-mile trip in a car worth no more than £250. To sponsor the Medway quartet, visit www.justgiving.com/stephenharris1.

New comedy has Daves flocking to the movies

HUNDREDS of cinema-goers needed no introduction at the opening of new comedy Meet Dave – as they were all called Dave.

The exclusive screening was organised by Invicta FM's breakfast show and held at the Odeon in Chatham Maritime.

DJ James Heming said: "All the Daves said they had a great time and were really happy with the freebies we gave them promoting the film – all of which had their name on."

Touch of luxury on show with park second homes

A NEW development of luxury second homes will be open for viewing this weekend.

Pilgrims Retreat, a 23-acre park at Harrietsham, near Maidstone, can be visited on Saturday and Sunday, from 10am to 4pm.

This will be the second open weekend of the month. Four fully furnished homes are on show, with prices starting at £149,750. The park also includes a fitness centre for the use of homeowners.

Why dyslexic signwriter will cost you money

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

BLUNDERING contractors have astounded St Mary's Island residents by making the same spelling mistake on two road signs.

The schoolboy errors in the road sign for Westview can be seen on a sign for Main Street and again less than 50 metres away on The Shoreway's sign.

Clearly the contractors responsible were unaware of the 'I before E' rule.

The glaring errors were brought to our attention by an eagle-eyed Yourmedway subscriber, who got in touch after reading last week's story about the misspelt sign in Hempstead Valley Drive.

The reader, who did not want to be named, said: "I often deliver items to St Mary's Island. Every month I walk past the signs and every month they annoy me."

"I thought someone who lives there would have said something to the council, but no one has."

"I can't believe they would make the same simple mistake on two signs. To make matters worse, the signs have been there for more than two years."

Countryside Properties' associate director Christopher Broster said: "Countryside Maritime is aware of the misspelling and will be replacing the signs in due course."

"We employed a dyslexic sign writer – The Crescent was also originally misspelt."

"You are the first person to bring this to our attention. It will not be overlooked."

The Westview blunders were pointed out a week after residents noticed a missing 'a' in



MISTAKE: Westview (second bottom) is misspelt

Hempstead Valley Drive, a major road running through the heart of council leader Rodney Chambers' ward of Hempstead and Wigmore.

Medway's Liberal Democrat group leader Geoff Juby said of the error: "This is ridiculous. You would think the council could get the road names right, especially in the council leader's ward."

"I'm surprised Cllr Chambers hasn't spotted the mistake in his own backyard and had it corrected."

"Local people know that Hempstead is spelt with an 'a'. It is a shame the council doesn't seem to know it as well."

"What makes this even more annoying is



NOT AGAIN: Westview takes another mangling

that local taxpayers are going to have to pay for a new sign as a result of this daft mistake."

Cllr Chambers said: "The sign has been reported to the council. It is regrettable, but mistakes do happen and a new sign will be installed early next week."

• Let us know if you spot any more road sign blunders across Medway by emailing yourmedway@kosmedia.co.uk.



BAD SIGN: Last week's report on Hempstead Valley

Kent keeps the speed cameras you can beat

MEDWAY motorists will avoid the gaze of the next generation of average speed cameras – with Kent highways chiefs adopting a wait-and-see approach to the new technology.

New Dutch cameras catch people who break the limit momentarily and those who escape by changing lanes.

Sero, the firm planning to import the cameras, said the new cameras catch motorists who speed, even if their average speed remained within the limit.

The new kit links average-speed cameras across all motorway



lanes for the first time.

Currently speeding drivers can change lanes to avoid prosecution.

The state-of-the-art cameras, set for Home Office trials on two sites, one in Scotland, also catch

speeding motorcyclists by recording the rear number plate.

A Sero spokesman said: "There will be entry points and exit points covering lane-changing and slip roads."

"But along that line we can also divide into three and might take your speed in the first, second or third bit, or across the whole segment."

"Your average may be 87mph, but we'd know if you'd reached 89mph and then dropped to 85mph."

Councillors in Swindon this month agreed to banish speed

cameras, spending cash on improved road safety.

Some groups are warning speed cameras that force people to panic brake, may cause more serious accidents than they prevent.

But the county's average speed cameras will stay.

A spokesman for the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership said they had no plans to install the new devices, saying: "Other partnerships are installing some of the new kit from different manufacturers so we're happy to sit back and see what works and what doesn't."

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UNDER THREAT: Extremist protestors say Kingsnorth power station will be attacked by 'air, land and water'

Campers vow to shut down power station

BY SIMON ROBINSON

ECO-activists have reaffirmed their plans to shut Kingsnorth power station down – despite two High Court injunctions barring protestors from entering the site.

Organisers of the week-long Camp for Climate Action said they remain undeterred and will push forward with their four-prong attack on the Hoo peninsula power plant during their demonstration, which begins on Sunday.

Climate campaigner Davy Jones said: "E.ON seems to be running scared, as they returned to the High Court to try to stem the groundswell of opposition to their plans for a new coal-fired power station."

"It won't work – our day of action to shut the power station on Saturday, August 9, looks to be a decisive moment in the choice between E.ON's profits or rapid cuts in CO2 emissions."

The synchronised 'mass action' will see four separate groups close in on the power station in a bid to bring production to a halt.

A spokesman said: "The camp will divide into four groups, including an air-borne contingent and the Great Rebel Raft Regatta."

"Along with the orange and green land groups, all have vowed to use inventive tactics to reach the power station."

The camp protestors will be joined on site

by representatives from the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition pressure group, made up of members from the Women's Institute, Greenpeace, RSPB and Oxfam.

Coalition director Ashok Sinha said: "Prime Minister Gordon Brown's decision on new coal-fired power plants could be a defining moment in the fight against climate change."

"If he jumps the right way and unlocks Britain's renewable potential, we could show the rest of the world that low carbon technologies are the answer to the inseparable challenges of climate change, poverty and energy security."

"The reality is that a thriving renewables industry would help us avoid disastrous climate change, create thousands of jobs and keep the lights on."

With just four days to go until protestors begin pitching their tents, the camp is still refusing to reveal the precise location of the demonstration.

Kingsnorth plant manager Alan Sanderson said the time had come for camp organisers to reveal their hand.

He said: "They have said they're keen to allay local people's fears but have failed to provide a definitive answer to the question on most residents' lips in Hoo – exactly where is the camp going to be?"

"We absolutely support the camp's right to protest but surely the organisers must realise that it's only common decency to provide this most basic of information."

The Camp for Climate Action runs from Sunday, August 3, to Monday 11.

Take a look behind the scenes at Kingsnorth

KINGSNORTH bosses invited Yourmedway to take an access all areas tour of the Hoo peninsula power station.

Operational training engineer Roger Billingham took reporter Simon Robinson through the complex power process, showing him everything from where the coal was brought in to where the electricity is sent out.

The tour also included a sneak peak into the station's central control room, from which the whole site is monitored and maintained.

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Prince tours ropery at official opening event

A ROYAL visitor officially opened Chatham Historic Dockyard's New Ropery Experience.

Prince Michael of Kent was guest of honour at the launch event on Friday, July 18, and was treated to a guided tour of the Victorian ropery gallery.

Museum and heritage director Richard Holdsworth said of the new attraction: "The Ropery is the highlight of the day for many of our visitors here at Chatham Historic Dockyard."

"This interesting new gallery is brought to life by entertaining guides, and is designed to help visitors understand more clearly the rope making process and its importance in shipbuilding during the age of sail. The tour culminates with a dramatic reveal of the remarkable quarter mile ropewalk on which rope is still made today using traditional methods dating back to 1816."

As patron of the dockyard's volunteer service, Prince Michael also met with some of the people who give their time for free on various projects.

Link up with businesses at free planning workshops

BUSINESS workshops giving small companies priceless tips on how to boost sales and profits are being held from Monday.

Business Link's free half-day conferences would normally cost £350 per place.

Adviser manager Richard Green said: "With so much to juggle day-to-day, owner-managers of micro businesses can find proper planning for future growth is neglected. This workshop will help them take a refreshed look at their business."

The events are at the Holiday Inn, Rochester, on Monday and then once a month until November. To book call 0845 6009006.

Strict security as Madge's brother's book is printed

A PRINTING firm was given round-the-clock security while it printed the revealing new biography of the Queen of Pop's brother.

More than 20 security guards were on constant patrol at CPI Mackay's Badger Road site in Lordswood during the first print run of Christopher Ciccone's book, *Life with My Sister Madonna*.

CPI Mackay's general manager Ian Smith said: "Due to the sensitive nature and strict publishing embargo, it was necessary to implement a high level of security to prevent unauthorised access to it."

"The project was a complete success."



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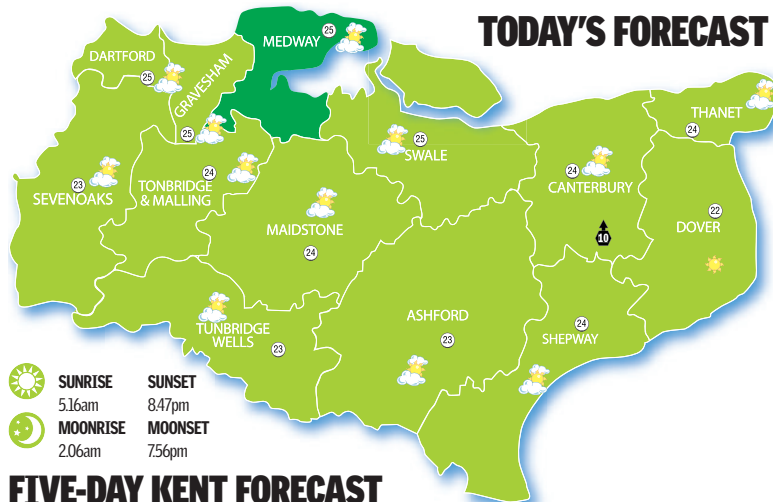
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	Sunday	1:29pm	5.9m
Dover	Saturday	11:03am	6.2m
	Sunday	11:52am	6.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	10:53am	6.9m
	Sunday	11:46am	7.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	11:33am	4.8m
	Sunday	12:22pm	5.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	12:25pm	5.4m
	Sunday	1:19pm	5.6m
Whitstable	Saturday	12:32pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:26pm	5.3m

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Canterbury	22°C	24°C	24°C	22°C	22°C	Maidstone	22°C	25°C	27°C	24°C	22°C
Chatham	21°C	23°C	24°C	22°C	21°C	Ramsgate	22°C	24°C	24°C	22°C	22°C
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Cardiff	25°C	Tokyo	33°C
Gibraltar	28°C	Vancouver	20°C
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QUESTION & ANSWER

SARAH BILLIALD



Q What are you bringing to your new role at Kent Probation from your work at the centre of Government?

A At the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit I worked on crime reduction and reducing re-offending, liaising with agencies from across government including the police, prisons, education, housing and health.

I focussed on identifying barriers to delivery and generating ways of breaking down these barriers.

This national experience has helped me understand the range of partners needed to reduce re-offending – a key priority for probation – and how best to jointly improve the safety of everyone in Kent.

Q Did you enjoy the cut and thrust of politics while working for Tony Blair and Gordon Brown – or try to escape it as much as possible?

A As a general rule I try and avoid politics and focus on service delivery. The good thing about my previous role was, although located at the heart of government, its focus was on delivering real outcomes for citizens.

But it did involve writing lots of reports and after a while I got bored of writing about it and wanted to deliver it.

Q What is the biggest misconception about the Criminal Justice System?

A That the only way to punish offenders is to send them to prison. In fact, there are a range of options available to sentencers and the evidence shows that working with offenders intensively in the community is more effective

in reducing repeat offending than short-term prison sentences.

This is because it combines punishment over a long period of time, for example two years as opposed to a six-month prison term, with work to help offenders gain employment and change their offending behaviour.

Q Aren't community sentences little more than a slap on the wrist?

A No. Because an offender might have to report to probation five times a week; their liberty could be curtailed with a tag; they might be performing unpleasant unpaid work in the community thus losing their free time and giving something back to the community at the same time.

Q How on earth did Roy Hodgson manage to save Fulham from premiership relegation?

A By building a good team and playing decent football (no more route one, thank you Mr Sanchez) and Jimmy Bullard and Brian McBride coming back from injury. Plus a little bit of luck!

Q Tell me something most people do not know about you.

A I feature on a number of classical CDs as a singer with a choir called the Holst Singers. Our latest CD, a collection of Estonian folk songs by Tormis, has just been favourably reviewed on BBC Radio 3.

Available for £12.99 on Amazon and in all good music shops!

Q We are told that crime is falling, but it feels like it is rising – particularly violent crime. What is the truth?

A The truth is that there has been a 16 per cent decrease in overall crime since 2003. This figure comes from the latest British Crime Survey, which is extremely reliable as it asks people if they have experienced crime.

Also, the number of crimes recorded by the police fell by 12 per cent between October and December 2007 compared with the same quarter a year earlier.

In particular, robbery fell by 21 per cent and most serious violence against the person by 15 per cent.

The reasons for the gap between these facts and public perception are complex and probably related to media messages around crime, the rise of terrorism and wider anti-social behaviour.

Kent Probation Area is one of the largest probation services in England and Wales.

Every year the Kent service supervises around 5,000 offenders on punishment and rehabilitation orders, punishment orders and licences and prepares around 5,500 reports for the courts.

More than 500 staff work in the community, courts, the hostel and prisons as well as on secondment to various agencies.

Sarah Billiald, new chief officer for Kent Probation, talks to **Gary Wright** about her job, her previous role as deputy director of the Home Affairs team in the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit – and her love of Fulham



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Demelza taking its show on the road

BY NICK AMES

THE Demelza Hospice Care for Children Lottery is taking part in a road show across the county.

As well as making people aware of the charity's work with terminally-ill children, it will give visitors the chance to join in a weekly draw which could net them a £1,000 jackpot.

There are 52 other weekly prizes on offer for just a £1 weekly stake and all money raised goes towards Demelza's vital work in caring for terminally-ill children, giving them as many rich experiences as possible and assisting their families.

There are 450 sick children and their families currently being cared for by the dedicated staff who work for the hospice which offers residential care, a hospice-at-home service, emergency respite for families, therapy treatment and bereavement care.

Guidance

Visiting a community gives residents the chance to understand what Demelza offers those children who have conditions which, ultimately, will take their lives.

Staff are on hand to answer questions and anyone who wants to assist in any way at all can get guidance and advice.

The lottery road show will be in Fremains Walk, Maidstone, on Saturday, Herne Bay town centre on Sunday, Gravesend town centre on September 11, 12, and 18, Dartford on October 9, Whitefriars, Canterbury on October 24 and 25, and Ashford town centre on November 4.

Demelza also celebrates its tenth birthday this year with a special event – supported by KOS Media – set to take place at Gillingham FC's Priestfield Stadium on September 25.

Spokeswoman, Sue Piper, said: "We are going to celebrate in style and want people to come along and join the fun – so contact us now to secure your place."



PARTY TIME: Demelza House will celebrate its 10th birthday with a special event at Gillingham FC's Priestfield Stadium

A number of fund-raising campaigns are being held alongside the party.

Former England football star Gary Lineker, who is a vice president of the charity, said: "Demelza has grown a lot in the last ten years and now cares for more than 450 children and families across the South East."

"But there are so many more the charity can reach with your support."

As part of the birthday celebrations, the charity is asking for volunteers to take a cardboard clown coin holder which holds ten one pound pieces and fill it up.

All fund-raising efforts will ensure the work of the organisation, which is based at Bobbing, near Sittingbourne, continues to go ahead.

For more information call events@demelza.org.uk or go to www.demelza.org.uk.

Smart tips for safety by the sea

COASTGUARDS have launched a Sea Smart summer safety campaign with millions of holidaymakers set to flock to beaches around the Kent coast this summer.

Due to the pinch of the credit crunch holidays at home are set to boom over the coming weeks – with popular hotspots including Thanet, Whitstable, Folkestone and Hythe, along with the Isle of Sheppey.

But coastguards say this could mean more people getting into difficulty in the water.

The Sea Smart campaign promotes beach and sea safety messages to families with children.

UK Chief Coastguard Rod Johnson said: "More and more people are choosing to holiday at home and explore our varied, dramatic and accessible coastline."

"What I want to do is to help educate families."

Mr Johnson emphasised the following points:

- Consider visiting a beach with lifeguards if there is one nearby.
- Always keep your children in sight at the beach, especially toddlers. Even a small wave can knock a child over.
- If your child is using an inflatable, make sure they are being supervised and that the inflatable is secured to the shoreline and held by an adult. Even the slightest of breezes could blow the inflatable away from the shore.
- Keep clear of cliff edges – we've got some high cliffs around the UK and they do sometimes give way under foot.
- Always swim close to the beach in line with the shore. Don't go alone.
- Check the weather and tides before you leave home – don't get swept away.
- If you are going afloat, always wear an appropriate lifejacket or buoyancy aid.



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Is this the best Kent can come up with?

AN ARTIST'S design for a 50ft sculpture of a white stallion has been given the thumbs down by the Kent public.

Now the county council has stepped in to offer a suggestion for an iconic statue to match the Angel of the North: another horse. The original vision by Turner Prize winner Mark Wallinger is tipped to become the £2 million Angel of the South, which would stand near Ebbsfleet International station. It was one of a series of designs looking to represent the area and be visible for miles, alongside Ebbsfleet Station, near Gravesend.

But Kent County Council, unhappy with Wallinger's proposal, commissioned their own Invicta horse design in an effort to get more people to support the white horse idea. And this week it claimed 89 per cent of people at the county show preferred its design, by artist Graham Clarke, from Boughton Monchelsea.

Cllr Alex King, deputy leader of KCC, said: "The results have been overwhelming. We support the basic concept, but like the people of Kent, we want a horse more in keeping with our tradition."

An exhibition of five sculptures by commissioned artists, including Wallinger's White Horse, is on show at Bluewater.

The proposed landmark, paid for by Eurostar, London and

Continental Railways and Land Securities, is intended to be a memorable welcome to travellers.

The final decision will be made by a committee chaired by Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Alan Willett, this autumn.

• What do you think? Is the white horse too simple? Is there another icon to represent our county? Write to us at editorial@kosmedia.co.uk or leave your comments on our web page.

NO ANGEL: KCC insist their Invicta horse, bottom, is the popular public choice over Mark Wallinger's White Horse



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Africans call for gay cleric's resignation

CONTROVERSIAL gay cleric Gene Robinson who lectured at an isolated church on Romney Marsh should be dismissed from his post as Bishop of New Hampshire, USA, according to leading African Anglicans.

The move appears to have wrecked any chance of a reconciliation within the church, which has been rocked by Bishop Robinson's appointment.

He is the only non-celibate homosexual to hold a senior Anglican post.

More than 200 church leaders have boycotted the current Lambeth Conference in protest over the issue.

The demand for Bishop Robinson's removal was formally issued by Sudanese clerics, who claimed they were representing a further 200 leading figures from churches in the developing world, especially Africa.

In a statement issued to church leaders in the name of Sudanese church leader the Most Reverend Daniel Deng they stated sex should be confined to being between a man and a woman.

"We require all those who live in the ministry of the church to live according to this standard and cannot accept church leaders whose practice is contrary to this," it said.

In a talk at St Rumwold's Church, Bonnington, Bishop Robinson - who has a bodyguard and wears a bullet proof jacket - told an audience he felt that attitudes to homosexuality as stated in the Bible need to be reinterpreted in the light of the cultural conditions which existed at the time they were written.

He added that he felt a 21st century church should be inclusive to all those who wish to be a part of it - not exclude a certain group of people for one reason.



GAY: Bishop Gene Robinson

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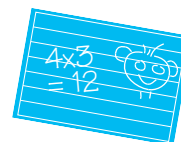
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Handrail offers teens route to career ladder



TRIAL RUN: Mid-Kent College civil engineering student Chris Thomas works four days a week at Handrail Designs

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

TALENTED teenagers at Mid-Kent College are being snapped up early by an innovative Medway firm.

Handrail Design, based at Chatham Historic Dockyard, has been head-hunting students for a number of years, giving eager youngsters an entry point into the working world.

Company director Fiona Gordon said more businesses could benefit from developing links with further education providers.

She said: "We really appreciate the relationship we have with Mid-Kent."

"I would definitely encourage other employers to take advantage of the benefits such a relationship can offer."

"The students we employ are fresh, eager to learn and malleable in their approach and attitude. They make perfect candidates for a job with us."

"The college's building and civil engineering courses programme director Chris Bolton recommends students to me and we give them a trial run."

"If we like what they do, we offer them two or three days a week before increasing this to four. It's a relationship that has all-round benefits."

"By employing students in a junior position we can offer them the specialised training they need to progress through the business and, at the same time, we can develop a workforce that is constantly increasing in its expertise."

One of the partnership's beneficiaries is section leader Mark Decker, who was appointed as a junior draughtsman three years ago.

At the time he was studying a day-release national diploma at the college. He has since been fast-tracked to a senior level.

Ms Gordon said: "Seeing people like Mark move through the business is a very real incentive for the students we employ."

"The prospect of their own promotion becomes more tangible – a real possibility – and they start to see their employment as a long-term fixture, not merely a temporary arrangement that will get them through their studies."

Civil engineering student Chris Thomas, who works four days a week at Handrail, is hoping to follow in Mark's footsteps.

He said: "I love working here and although what I'm doing now is definitely fun, I eventually want to end up in Mark's position."

"Work like this is something different and unique and it's great the relationship between Handrail Design and the college is so strong."

Steph Perry, of Kenilworth Drive in Rainham, has worked at the company for just over a year.

The 19-year-old detailer said: "There aren't many women in the construction industry and although it is slightly easier for girls to break into design jobs, there is still a stigma attached to women who work within construction. I think we have to work harder to prove ourselves."

"By working closely with local colleges, businesses like this can open the door to girls who want to move into this industry – it's certainly been a great opportunity for me."

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BREAK TIME

Such a colourful way to play safe

A ROAD safety colouring competition was the highlight of a police-run road safety lesson at Bo Peeps pre-school.

Police community support officers Sai Hui and Quentin Moss visited the Halling school to highlight the dangers of cars and trucks and show the two to four-year-old youngsters how to cross the road safely.

Mr Hui said the visit had been thoroughly worthwhile. "During the two days we met more than 40 children from many dif-



ferent backgrounds," he said.

"All the children were hugely enthusiastic to learn and have fun."

"I would like to thank the staff at Bo Peeps for all of their help, as well as the Early Learning Centre and D&A Toys for donating such generous prizes for the colouring competition."

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A broken mug means more than diamonds

WELL, all the Maidstone schools have broken up and I suspect there was a last-minute rush in many households to provide a token of appreciation for the efforts of their child's teacher during the year.

But how do teachers view these offerings? I hope I can provide you with some insight into a school teacher's thoughts on the matter.

A cashmere scarf or a chocolate orange on two-for-one offer at Tesco? A bottle of champagne or a dented can of French lager?

It rather depends on your catchment area or, more disturbingly, your popularity. I'm referring, of course, to the end-of-term gifts – the only tax-free perks of the teaching profession.

That being said, a year or two back, I recall teachers being advised all gifts over a particular value should be revealed to management.

Have there been forms to fill in for this as well, like some sort of customs declaration?

No, for the vast majority of teachers there

will have been more to declare of sentimental rather than monetary value. Who could resist a slight puffing of the chest or quickening of the pulse when presented with a key ring fob or a drinks coaster that proclaims the recipient to be The Best Teacher In The World!?

Okay, the staff room cupboard is stuffed full of mugs that bear the very same legend but that doesn't detract from the thrill of knowing that at least one child thinks you're great.

Well, either that or their mum insisted upon buying it despite the protest that, "Mr Smith is a rubbish teacher and there's no way I'm using my pocket money to buy him a poxy present!"

This receiving of gifts can be a minefield for the oversensitive or over analytical – every one carries implied messages and criticisms.

A growing pile of soaps and perfumed bathing products? They think you smell. Just opened your third bottle of wine and second four-pack? You smell of alcohol. Been given a tie or a pair of novelty socks? They think you are an unhygienic alcoholic who dresses badly.

And just how do you handle the opening ritual? Do you leave your unwrapped gifts on prominent display until the last morning of term and then gather the children round for a grand opening ceremony? Or do you open each one as it is plonked down in front of you?

Either method can require a heroic acting performance. My own thespian capabilities were stretched to the limit when I was given a package that rattled – what had been a mug but was now a collection of misshapen shards.

"I forgot your present was in my bag."
"What were you doing with it?"
"Playing football. But you like it, don't you?"
"Smashing!"

He didn't get the joke but he still received my thanks. It's not the value of the gift that really matters, it's the shared moment between the giver and the receiver that is special. We have nothing to declare but our gratitude. Now pass the Maltesers!

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TALK TIME

STEVE THOMAS

The Ceroc teacher talks about how he first got involved with the growing dance craze.



Can you tell us a little about yourself?

I'm 28 and I've been teaching Ceroc for nine years. I live in south-east London, but my job takes me all over Kent, including Rochester.

What first interested you in Ceroc?

I got into it via more unconventional means. I was 17, had just left school and I was in the job centre in Eltham high street with a friend. I saw a card asking for a DJ.

I was working as a fitness instructor and had been a wedding DJ for a few years, so I thought I'd give it a go. It was Ceroc and the first thing I noticed when I walked in for my interview was what seemed like hundreds of people all dancing and enjoying themselves to music that was a lot more contemporary than I imagined.

Ceroc can be danced to all sorts of music, from the big band stuff of the 1940s, right up to the cutting-edge chart music and everything in between.

The atmosphere was electric and I wanted to be a part of it. You don't need to book - just turn up on your own or with friends in whatever comfortable clothes you like and you'll be made to feel welcome.

Where can people see you performing?

I teach at Dance Junction in Rochester on Mondays and Sandyaes Sports Club in Ashford on Tuesdays. There are venues all over Kent though that can be found on our website www.cerockent.com.

My good friend Kara teaches each Wednesday at The Wyvern Hall at Swallows Leisure Centre in Sittingbourne and we have a great night down there.

YOUR LETTERS

Semple weight-loss plan has inspired me

Great story on the front page of last week's Yourmedway about Brian Semple, who was crowned Slimming World's Man of the Year after shedding 15 stone.

I want to join Slimming World, where can I find a group. I've been looking for help for ages. Can you help?

Martyn France, by email

• **Editor's reply:** Martyn, I'm glad you liked the story. You can find your nearest Slimming World group on the internet or in the phonebook.



Missing letter just 'a' sign of the times

With reference to your story about a misspelt road sign in the ward of Conservative Medway council leader Rodney Chamber's ward, which has been publicised by his political rivals.

What a silly thing for Liberal Democrat Councillor Geoff Jubby to do. A few years ago I spotted an error in a (then) Lib Dem ward, so I reported it and had it fixed rather than trying to make political capital out of it.



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I prefer to be positive and pro-active, as the people I represented for eight years would have wanted me to be.

That was also a missing letter: Silverweed Road instead of Siverweed. No doubt it's on file at the council.

John Ward, Chatham,
Comment posted on web story at
www.yourmedway.co.uk.

Abolish quangos

With Parliament in recess, I wish all MPs a wonderful holiday and return refreshed in the autumn.

May I suggest one of the first things they do on their return is to abolish the number of quangos. These unelected bodies now cost the taxpayers £100 billion per year (Taxpayers Alliance figures)

and employ 700,000 civil servants who create a massive amount of unnecessary administration.

All of which is valuable time, energy, effort and money which could help reduce the burden of high taxes and provide better services and even give a reasonable increase in pensions for the elderly who are struggling to keep up with the rising cost of living.

The second thing they should do is abolish the Barnett formula, which gives £1,406 more per person in Scotland than people in England. This is unfair and should cease.

Councillor Tom Mason, Conservative ward member for Strood Rural, by letter.



Paralympians should have their own pool

Regarding your story at the end of May about Medway being selected as a 2012 Paralympian training camp, it is unfortunate a 50m swimming pool is not going to be built.

As it is, the races for swimming at the Olympics are long -course events, therefore appropriate training facilities should be provided.

Also, during the renovation the leisure centre will also be closed, leaving many young sportsmen and women without a place to train for a long period of time.

However, I do agree with the rest of the plans.

James Black, from Strood, comment posted on web story at www.yourmedway.co.uk.

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CLASSIC: Considered one of the most creative musicians of his generation, Lloyd Webber is heading to Leeds Castle near Maidstone for intimate gig

An unmissable castle concert

Showcase for acclaimed cellist Julian Lloyd Webber

THE opportunity to hear a world famous cellist perform in an intimate setting does not come along every day.

Julian Lloyd Webber has been hailed as one of the most creative musicians of his generation, having premiered more than 50 new works for the cello and inspired compositions by a diverse range of composers from Malcolm Arnold and Joaquín Rodrigo, to James MacMillan and Philip Glass.

His many recordings have attracted high critical acclaim and a Brit Award. His coupling of Britten's Cello Symphony and Walton's Concerto, recorded with Sir Neville Marriner and the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, was described by Gramophone magazine as "beyond any rival".

Lloyd Webber won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music when he was just 16 and went on to complete his studies in Geneva, under the tutelage of renowned French cellist Pierre Fournier. His stellar career has included collaborations with an array of musicians including Yehudi

Menuhin, Lorin Maazel, Esa-Pekka Salonen, Georg Solti, Stéphane Grappelli, Elton John and Cleo Laine.

He recently recorded Phantasia for EMI Records, which was based on his brother Andrew's phenomenally successful musical Phantom of the Opera. The recording featured violinist Sarah Chang and Unexpected Songs.

Awards

Lloyd Webber's version of the Elgar Concerto conducted by Menuhin, for which he won a Brit Award, was named the finest ever version by BBC Music Magazine. His many other releases include the Dvorák Concerto with Vaclav Neumann and the Czech Philharmonic, Tchaikovsky's Rocco Variations with the London Symphony under Maxim Shostakovich and the short piece collections Made in England, Cello Moods and Cradle Songs for Universal Classics.

He also writes a monthly music column for the Daily Telegraph and plays an active part in music education projects. Lloyd Webber plays the Barjansky Stradivarius cello, dating from around 1690.

His programme at Leeds Castle's

romantic banqueting hall will include Bach's Adagio in G, Britten's Scherzo-Pizzicato, The Swan by Saint Saëns and Debussy's Sonata from 1915.

After the interval he will premiere a specially commissioned piece by former Classic FM composer in Residence, Patrick Hawes. The audience will also hear In The Half Light, written by his father William, and Lloyd Webber's own composition Jackie's Song.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £75. There are also opportunities to enjoy a post-concert dinner and stay overnight at the castle. For more information and to book call the box office on 01622 880008 or see www.leeds-castle.com/arts.

The recital is part of the Arts at the Castle programme which also features concerts by Patrick Hawes on Monday and celebrated Italian pianist Adolfo Barabino on Wednesday. Full details of all concerts can be found on the website.

JULIAN LLOYD WEBBER

Tuesday, August 5
Leeds Castle, near Maidstone



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ANTFEST

Sunday, August 3
The Command House, Chatham

CHARITY event Antfest promises a great day of live music and comedy, all in the name of a good cause.

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The acoustic stage will host the talents of Didi Bergman, Kelly Stanley, Justin Fun, Clea Rose Llewellyn and The Lovedays, while stand-up comedians such as Dave Bailey, Joshua Ryan and Mark Simmons will be keeping the laughs coming



on the Dead Funny stage.

Fans of Rage Against the Machine can enjoy 'the 14th best tribute act in Medway', Rage Against The Latrine, whose members included Antfest organiser Anthony Martin.

Admission is free but

visitors will be invited to make donations to The Arethusa Centre in Upnor, an activity centre which offers invaluable experiences for disadvantaged children. Antfest will run from 2pm to 10pm. For full details see www.antfest.co.uk.



TREASURE ISLAND

Thursday, August 7
Upnor Castle, Upnor

GET ready to shiver your timbers and buckle your swash as a new production of Treasure Island weighs anchor in Medway.

Quantum Theatre is touring open-air venues with a brand new show, full of salty sea dogs and perilous pirates. Adapted from the classic novel by Robert Louis

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The performance starts at 7pm. Tickets cost £9/£8 for adults and £7 for children. To book call 0845 450 5157. For more information visit the theatre company's website at www.quantumtheatre.co.uk.

GAIL DAVIES

Monday, August 4
Zebra Bar, Maidstone

ONE of Nashville's finest singers, songwriters and producers will be visiting Maverick @Zebra next week.

Gail Davies was born in Oklahoma, where she grew up around the classic country music that played on her mother's juke box. Her father Tex Dickerson was a Louisiana Hayride singer and Davies spent time backstage there in the late 40s.

Brother Ron Davies was a member of cult band the Wailers and she toured with them in the 60s, before moving to Los Angeles. She recorded a string of hits in the 70s and 80s before joining Liberty Records as country music's first female staff producer. But a trip to Europe in 1992 convinced her to release albums on her own label Little Chickadee.

Davies is now married to Welsh bass player Rob Price. Her son Chris Scruggs – a sometime member of BR549, a solo artist and the grandson of legendary Earl Scruggs – will be joining this tour.

The gig starts at 8pm and tickets cost £9 in advance or £11 on the door. To book call 01622 744481.



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Walk through history as part of artistic festival

ENJOY a scenic walk with The Band of Historical Hillwalkers as part of the Medway IV Festival on Saturday.

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Bale shows his dark side

BY ELLIE GENOWER

GONE are the days when Batman was a just a camp character in tights – now he is brooding, shadowy and even political.

The superhero was revitalised when British actor Christian Bale gave his intense interpretation of the caped crusader in 2005 movie, Batman Begins.

In The Dark Knight, the second in director Christopher Nolan's take on the franchise, Bruce Wayne is a millionaire with a mission – to save corrupt and dangerous Gotham City from criminals like the anarchistic Joker (the late Heath Ledger).

"It's nice to be coming in and playing a character where you know the whole back story," says a moody-looking Christian Bale, who is sitting hunched forward, arms folded in front of him.

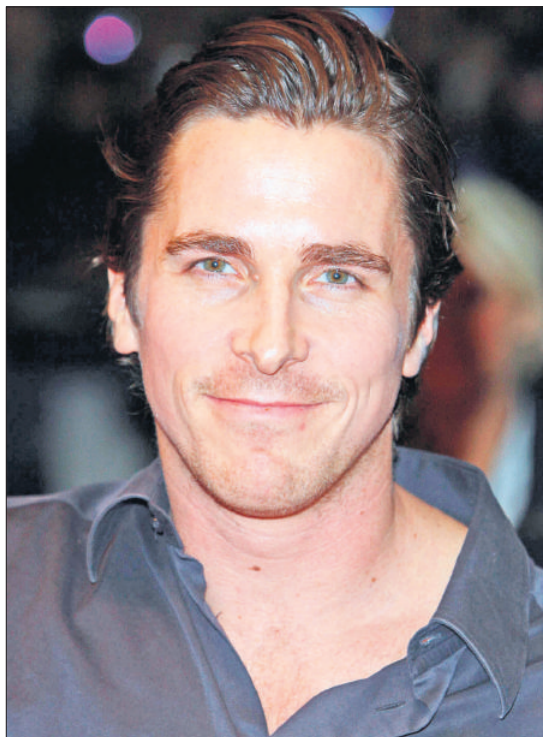
"We are trying to show a very real Gotham and real humanity to a superhero.

"Batman has no super powers. He has these conflicts within himself. He's somebody who has great altruism and who has at the same time, great temptation towards chaos, violence and revenge. He's a complete character."

Heath Ledger's version of The Joker is also a world away from the one-dimensional villain often seen in superhero films.

This movie was the last that Heath completed before his death in January this year, but the Australian actor's performance as the anarchistic psychopath is already being talked about as one of the year's most outstanding.

"Somebody like Heath loves to immerse himself completely in the role, and you can see the pleasure he's getting from that," says 34-year-old Christian.



RELUCTANT HERO: Christian Bale, like Batman, prefers to stay out of the spotlight

"And I feel likewise – that's the pleasure I get from acting.

"The way Heath plays The Joker – it's not like we're watching Heath Ledger enjoying playing this zany crazy character. He disappears and becomes this anarchic, destructive, chaotic individual."

And it's Batman who provides The Joker with his toughest challenge yet in the movie.

"Everyone's been a pushover

for The Joker," says Christian.

"Everybody can be leveraged so damn easily. The mob – they want money, that's boring. Also, The Joker despises hypocrisy and he's finally finding in Batman somebody who doesn't have that.

"But he recognises Batman's weak spot – that he will not kill."

Born and raised in Britain, Christian, who began his career in Empire Of The Sun, is now based in Los Angeles, and after

filming Batman and other American films like 3:10 To Yuma, he sports a mid-Atlantic accent.

Rarely smiling throughout the interview, he has said he prefers not to reveal too much about his personal life to the press. For the record, he has been married to Sibi Blazic, a former personal assistant to Winona Ryder, for eight years, and they have a three-year-old daughter, Emmaline.

He also doesn't seem too interested in giving his opinion on anything other than the film, and won't really be drawn on why superhero movies like Iron Man and The Incredible Hulk are pushing people's buttons this summer.

"Absolutely no idea about that," he says.

"There's always a need for heroic figures. I think superheroes are a modern-day equivalent to Greek mythological figures. So naturally everybody wants a hero. But by the time I'm in the middle of making a movie, I'm not doing it because I'm thinking it's what society needs at this time. I'm just looking selfishly at what I'm interested in and what intrigues me."



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Everything you experience from the time you enter the restaurant, including service, cutlery, plates, flavours in your meal, are all aimed at maintaining an eclectic yet inviting ambience.

Staff are friendly and attentive, and want to provide you with more than just a good first impression.

Concentrating on the smaller, more personal things, including



greeting you and knowing your name, your favourite table or dietary requirements, means they excel at making your dining experience special.

More importantly, suggestions and comments on service improvement are always welcome.

Innovation

Using innovative and modern approaches to presentation and some less well-known English ingredients, traditional dishes like a rump of lamb with a pea and mint risotto, parcel of marinated shoulder of lamb and an apple cider infused dressing are modified to ensure you receive

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You can enjoy deliciously different flavours infusing together in every bite.

The restaurant offers a variety of dishes, including a wide vegetarian selection.

They can also cater for those with special dietary requirements, including being flexible on main ingredients.

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■ Village Hotel

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Verve grill offers a wide range of dishes made fresh everyday with regular seasonal changes to shake up the menu, at a price that's right.

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■ Spice Court

"MANY have come and gone but Spice Court has always stayed going on and this proves it is a good place to eat," says the owner Raja. His motto for success is: "Give 100 per cent all of the time".

Spice Court claims to be the premiere Indian restaurant in the Medway area. Serving delicious food in the heart of Medway, they pride themselves on not only the quality of food, but also the friendliness of service.

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Found opposite Gillingham Station, Spice Court is just off the High Street, meaning customers have ease of access. The restaurant boasts a modern and trendy setting with both modern British and Indian artwork. All areas are fully air-conditioned to put you at ease.

Two of our strong points which have been mentioned in the reviews are the bar and the disabled facilities. Spice Court has been



noticed for being very accessible for our disabled users. A disabled ramp is provided at the front of the restaurant. All our lighting is fully adjustable for partially-sighted patrons, as well as large-print menus. One of our staff is also trained in sign language for those who are hard of hearing, and of course special allowances are made for all our customers, such as extra space if required.

The bar provides a focal point for all our customers, both before a meal and after. The bar also plans many future promotions. We are also renowned for our cocktails, and a new cocktail menu is in the pipeline, so watch out!

The most popular dish at the moment is Marisa chicken, made with fresh chilli, Taba chicken, garlic herb yogurt and special spices, then sizzling chicken, made with pieces of chicken, sliced onion.

CHEF RECOMMENDS

Village Hotel

Don't be afraid to ask for deviations from the menu. When food is cooked fresh, requests to amend how it is prepared are not an issue: grilled rather than fried, no butter, no cream and so on.

Spice Court

Start with aloo chaat or chicken chaat; small pieces of chicken or potato cooked with massala, tomato and cucumber, with hot and sharp flavours. Then try lemongrass chicken or lamb. Succulent pieces of meat cooked with a touch of spice and served in lemongrass and curry leaf sauce.

Add the lemon rice and a stuffed paratha (wheat bread stuffed with vegetables) for a delicious meal.

The Barn

Start with fruit de mer – a platter of steamed lobster, crab, clams and king prawns with lemon scented mayonnaise and a glass of champagne.

Next have Chilham Farm reared rump of lamb with crushed minted peas, on a sweet potato and rocket mash and finished with a broad bean, feta, mint and tomato dressing.

For dessert go for lemon scented meringue with marinated strawberries, lemon infused cream and a rhubarb sorbet.

The Aviator

Start with goats cheese, red onion and walnut tart on a bed of rocket. Then try grilled salmon with crushed herbed new potatoes with a lemon and parsley butter.

For dessert: home-made apple and strawberry crumble with fresh cream.

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For details visit your local store or go to www.bhs.co.uk.

Go frizz-free with new summer styling product

STRUGGLING to keep your hair under control in humid weather could be a thing of the past, thanks to Studio Line.

The hair care company has added the Hot Straight Thermo-Straightening Spray to its range, helping to protect hair against damage caused by heated styling appliances as you try to calm summer frizz and promoting a sleek look.

Hot Straight Thermo-Straightening Spray is priced at £4.29 and is available from Boots, Superdrug, supermarkets and independent pharmacies.

Keep your cool when you make ice cream

IF your family are all screaming for ice cream, try making your own with Cuisinart's new Ice Cream Deluxe.

The machine allows you to make ice cream, frozen yoghurts and sorbets without using artificial sweeteners and preservatives. After placing the two-litre bowl in the freezer the night before, the process takes just 25 minutes.

Priced at £69, the Cuisinart Ice Cream Deluxe is available from House of Fraser stores in Fremlin Walk, Maidstone, or at Bluewater.

Spectacular offers from this high street optician

SHOPPERS can get two-for-one on a range of glasses thanks to the latest deals from Specsavers.

Included in the offer until Saturday are all designer brands, as well as glasses in the £75 to £99 range and sunglasses at the Chatham and Gillingham high street stores.

Customers can also buy two pairs of designer glasses for £125. Standard Pentax single vision lenses are provided in both pairs. See in-store for details.

A song and dance to be entertaining at centre

SHOPPERS can enjoy more than just retail therapy at Bluewater as the shopping centre launches its summer programme of entertainment.

Throughout August visitors can see dancers strutting their stuff and local musicians taking part in the Battle of the Bands competition. Customers can also show off their own party tricks in the Bluewater's Got Talent contest.

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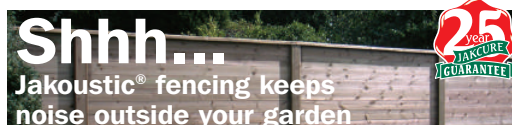
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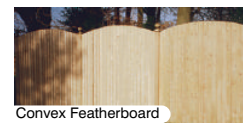
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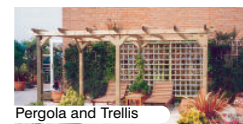
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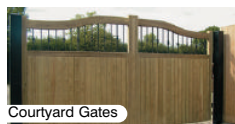
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YOUR TV REVIEW

GRANGE HILL
BBC One, 4.35pm, Monday

■ BY TOM BETTS

I SPENT hours and hours in my youth watching Grange Hill and I'd say with some confidence that it was better than most – if not all – of the TV aimed at our kids today.

So, I was dismayed to hear the plug had been pulled and show creator Phil Redmond felt the show had "run its course".

It was up there with the axing of Top of the Pops as a 'head in hands, this country is going down the pan' moment.

And the real salt in the wound is the possibility of a spin-off, set to be called The Grange, which takes place in a multimedia learning centre.

All very PC, but I'll bet my bottom dollar it'll last about as long as Eldorado.

I was with the gang in the glory days when they said a big fat 'no' to drugs (or in Zammo's case 'yes'), when large-framed Roland Browning copped off with French girl Fabienne and when Mr Bronson lost his wig thanks to that mischievous, artistic weirdo Danny Kendall. Damn that little rascal.

And who can forget the flying sausage on a fork randomly entering the comic strip frame as the titles crept along to that jaunty, yet somewhat sinister, theme tune – and I haven't even mentioned Tucker Jenkins.

Ah, great days!

It was with all this in mind that I tuned in to pay my last respects to the current, and 31st series, which is destined to be the last before this TV classic goes off to that great inkwell in the sky.

Like me it's been going for about 30 years so I had to have one last look, for old times sake.



NEW: Togger (Chris Perry-Metcalf) is another in a long line of great Grange Hill characters

I had dreaded what I was about to see and imagined it would be little more than Hollyoaks for pre-teens, but I've certainly spent worse 25 minutes.

Some young scamp called Togger was doing his best Cassanova impression and stringing along the ladies – good to see that some of the original spirit was still there.

If it wasn't so late in the day and about to bite the dust I think I could really get back into this; and I'm not even yanking your school tie.

Shame we all have these pesky job things stopping us from enjoying such treats and tuning in more, but then again, in true Hill style, I guess we could all rebel a bit and sneak off early every now and then.

Meet me behind the bikesheds after lunch break.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

A MEETING of the minds ushers in a new phase of a relationship. You're starting to realise you can't do everything by yourself – nor do you want to. Business pairings are favoured. Your partner can handle the practical aspects of your partnership, while you attend to other things. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU may decide to move to a new home. Although change isn't your favourite thing, this transition will be very good for you. It will help you to think in terms of what you need, instead of what everyone else wants. If a child or roommate decides to move out, don't stop them. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

A RARE opportunity to realise your personal potential could fall into your lap. The changes ahead will transform your lifestyle. Some of your friends may fall by the wayside. It may even be necessary to move to a posh neighbourhood. Don't let feelings of loyalty hold you back. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU could be rewarded for your career success. A glamorous job, a big promotion, or a handsome raise could be yours. Alternately, you could be given an award for excellence. People are impressed with your leadership abilities. These days, it's rare to meet someone who can inspire. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

TURNING over a new leaf with regard to your health is key. Help will seem to drop from the sky. Don't look this gift horse in the mouth. If someone offers you counsel, accept. This person may assume a parental role in your life and you probably need to be handled this way. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

TAKING a class could give you a whole new lease on life. You've been blessed with great intellectual gifts. When you don't put them to use, depression sets in. The performing arts could have special appeal for you. Studying acting, singing, or dancing is highly favoured. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU could uncover surprising information about your hidden motivations. Now you have seen how you have been your own worst enemy, you can correct the problem. Stop loading your schedule with odious tasks. Make time for solitary activities like reading, writing, and craftwork. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

A DESIRE for wisdom and truth could lure you down a whole new path. Going on a spiritual pilgrimage could be in the cards. Expanding your horizons is the name of the game. If you're offered an opportunity, grab it with both hands. Don't worry about the mundane details of life. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

NEWS of a pregnancy could come as a total surprise. The arrival of this child will change your life in strange and exciting ways. Lately, you've been putting too much emphasis on work and personal obligations. You've got to step back from these duties, or they'll drag you down. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU could be offered a very lucrative job. Providing services to wealthy clients could bring you lots of pleasure, as well as a great deal of money. Resist the urge to indulge in destructive habits. They will only prevent you from doing the work necessary to succeed. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

AN unusual group of people is about to enter your life. Your new friends will prompt you to question many assumptions. All of the sudden, you're not sure of what is the best way to live. Infinite possibilities for leading a productive and happy life will become evident. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOUR love life could undergo some interesting twists and turns. All of the sudden, you're no longer content to have a steady job, good friends, and a roof over your head. Now you crave intimacy. Someone who breaks down your defences makes you realise your full potential. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Capricorn** 09067-531761

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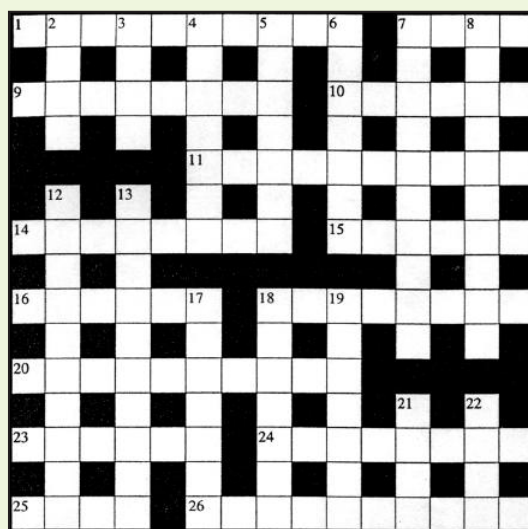
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- 11 Airy trial? (4-6)
- 14 St Merlin disguised wandering singer (8)
- 15 Bird left half shellfish (6)
- 16 Glance thus if confused (6)
- 18 Support objection to long hair (8)
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- 23 Hit second three-wheeler (6)
- 24 Willing to endure play (8)
- 25 Worn section of investment (4)
- 26 Deputation from French diplomatic mission (10)

DOWN

- 2 Rush by the river (4)
- 3 Ruth had matter for regret (4)
- 4 One to enforce payment from former player (7)
- 5 Tool in US inlet swirling (7)
- 6 Deep calm (7)
- 7 Trust eccentric having means of payment (6,4)
- 8 Poisoning school mail dangerously (10)
- 12 Outline of house title removed (10)
- 13 Tip worth having (6,4)
- 17 Batting area near the wicket! (7)
- 18 Port or sherry? (7)
- 19 Follow, not North Philippine language (7)
- 21 Courage needed to prevent skidding (4)
- 22 Slip knot (4)

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ACROSS

- 1 Turning sharply (10)
- 7 Give off vapour (4)
- 9 Pit collecting filthy water (8)
- 10 Swampy ground (6)
- 11 Successful (10)
- 14 Pattern of spots (5-3)
- 15 Genial (anag.) (6)
- 16 Emergency (6)
- 18 Stupefying (8)
- 20 Cheshire town (10)
- 23 Shellfish (6)
- 24 Produced involuntary contractions (8)
- 25 Move (4)
- 26 Fame (10)

DOWN

- 2 Notion (4)
- 3 Zing (4)
- 4 Made furrows (7)
- 5 Illegal (7)
- 6 Small abscess in mouth (7)
- 7 Vehemence (10)
- 8 Deciding wrongly (10)
- 12 Reporter (10)
- 13 Tall building (10)
- 17 Treason (anag.) (7)
- 18 Job badly done (5-2)
- 19 Tailless feline (4,3)
- 21 Leave (4)
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BY GEORGINA RODGERS

DANGLING upside down from a trapeze by my knees and swinging through the hot air I felt a rush of excitement and fear.

It was the first time I had tried circus skills. Despite my reluctance to have a go, as I walked away from the aerial equipment towards the beach, I was already planning my next session.

But the all-important question was: when was I going to fit this in to my hectic schedule?

Between cycling, tennis, sailing, salsa classes and, of course, those all important afternoons relaxing by the pool or on the beach with a cocktail in one hand and a book in the other, I was struggling to find a window in my holiday diary.

Jackie, our friendly Club Med rep, told me it was impossible to get bored at the Kamarina resort. By day one of our holiday, I could see exactly what she meant.

On a pre-paid, all-inclusive holiday, guests can do as much or as little as they please. There is something for everyone – from body pump and aqua aerobics for

the gym bunny, to archery, a climbing wall and quad biking for the more adventurous or jet skiing, kayaking and catamaran sailing for the water babes.

There is no pressure to be any good at any of these skills. As my partner tried to co-ordinate his two left feet during a salsa class, the teacher was friendly and merely invited us both back to the next day's session.

The resort also stood out for its excellent tennis facilities with about 25 clay courts, professional tuition, and complementary racket and ball hire.

The most evident thing about Club Med was its family-friendly ethos and range of children's clubs.

Children, aged from four to ten can go to the Mini Club Med, whilst 11- to 17-year olds are welcomed to Club Med Passworld. Club Med Baby and Petite Club Med take care of the youngest.

The clubs are open for six days out of seven for nine hours a day and a special team of GOs (Gentils Organisateurs) keep the children occupied and happy throughout the day.

Despite the fact that Club Med is a French company and their clientele mostly French and Italian, they said there would always be a fluent English-speaking GO. In fact, we found that



CLUB MED: The Kamarina resort on Sicily provides an inclusive family-friendly holiday

most staff spoke English anyway. Mealtimes were also very child-friendly, with each of the four village restaurants equipped with high-chairs and dishes suitable for children and babies.

The food was fresh and locally-sourced with a huge selection of freshly cooked fish, meat and vegetarian dishes, salads and pasta choices to choose from.

All the restaurants were self-service and our favourite was

Trinacria in the hotel, which we found slightly less hectic and more peaceful than the others.

The accommodation was also surprisingly good. Across the 96-hectare village, the rooms are split between the main hotel and the villaggio, where we were based.

Despite a gaggle of noisy Italians partying late into the night, it was peaceful and a holiday destination I would highly recommend.

FACT FILE: SICILY

Time difference	UK+1hr
Capital	Palermo
Language	Italian/Sicilian
Population	5.2 million
Currency	Euro (1.2 to £1 approx)
Religion	Roman Catholic
Climate	Mediterranean

Georgina Rodgers was a guest of Club Med which offers Sicily holidays with seven-night stays during May at Club Med Kamarina from £719 per adult and £472 per child (4-11) and from £250 per child (2-3), incl return flights ex-Gatwick, and transfers, personal holiday insurance, all meals with wine, beer and soft drinks, open bar and snacks, Club Med Baby Welcome, Mini Club Med (4-10 years), Club Med Passworld (11-17 years) and various group classes and sporting activities.

Free child places subject to availability. Manchester from £733 per adult and £480 per child and Glasgow from £769 per adult and £522 per child.

Club Med reservations: 08453 676767 and www.clubmed.co.uk.



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PROPERTY NEWS

Web index tracks decline in prices

ASKING prices in the property market continued to fall in July, according to the latest Rightmove house price index.

July has seen a 1.8 per cent fall in prices – the largest drop ever recorded in the month and it follows a 1.2 per cent slip in June.

Subsequently, annual asking price inflation has slipped into the red, down two per cent over the year up to July – the first time Rightmove has recorded an annual fall.

The survey discovered the average asking price for a property is £235,219 – a decrease of £4,345 in the past month.

However, this remains well ahead of the average sale prices of £194,912, according to official figures from the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The discrepancy could be caused by a realisation among sellers they have to lower asking prices in order to secure a sale according to analysts.

"Sellers are finally recognising that they need to undercut their rivals from the outset, rather than testing the market and dropping prices later," said Miles Shipside, of Rightmove.

Tenants feel the chill of rising energy bills

TURNOVER of tenants in rented accommodation where energy efficiency is poor could be on the increase according to a survey by the National Landlords Association.

The group said that while eco-friendliness of homes may not be the most important factor for people when they move it will become increasing vital.

Senior policy officer at the organisation, Elizabeth Brogan, said the major things which people look at when they search for a home remain its location and the initial cost outlay.

But she said: "There are other factors that are more important and I don't think they (the buyers) are going to be looking at energy efficiency first thing."

But she added if tenants are feeling "cold and miserable" they are likely to move on more quickly than they would otherwise.

But she also said that heating bills for tenants are likely to be reduced in the future due to the introduction of the Landlord's Energy Saving Allowance.



CLOCKHOUSE MEWS: The development of luxury two-bedroom cottages is on the Swaylands estate, Penshurst, and purchasers have access to 50 acres of private parkland

Rent now, buy later

Estate scheme offers younger buyers a way into the market

■ BY NICK AMES

ANYONE who wants to buy a country cottage retreat in the heart of the Garden of England but can't afford the mortgage deposit might be interested in Oakdene Homes' Purchaser Prospect plan.

This is on offer at Clockhouse Mews, a development in the Swaylands estate in Penshurst.

The offer provides would-be homeowners with the chance to move into a property either through a rent now, buy-later scheme, or a one-year all paid mortgage deal.

With more banks demanding larger deposits and the option of 100 per cent mortgages declining, there has been a decline in the

number of young professionals purchasing property.

The average age of individuals being able to afford their first apartment has risen to 34 and the proportion of young professionals aged 25 and under getting on the property ladder for the first time is at just 16 per cent.

However, Oakdene Homes says its initiative will make it easier for younger individuals to own a new property and benefit from its equity, thus laying the foundation for a secure financial future.

Ann Fulker, sales and marketing director, said: "Clockhouse Mews has appealed to families and professionals commuting to London but desiring the benefits of traditional country living in a historical property."

"With all the current restrictions on mortgages our Purchaser Prospect scheme is proving popular with commuting professionals

seeking city life by day and the haven of a luxury country estate after they leave the office."

"It gives them a unique opportunity to make a move on to the property ladder and benefit from a stately home address at a fraction of the cost normally associated with estate living."

Clockhouse Mews comprises six two-bedroom cottages around a cobbled courtyard.

All have a large entrance hall, kitchen, cloakroom, open-plan living area, bathroom and two double bedrooms with wardrobes, alarm system and private parking.

Some of the properties also have an en suite and private garden area.

Additionally, residents at the mews can take advantage of the estate's 50-acres of landscaped parkland and amenities, which includes the use of two lakes, a tennis court and a gym.

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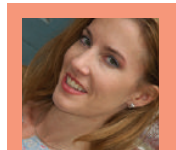
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Lively female, 26, 5ft2, brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy, for fun, friendship and more. Box 428555 ☎

SNUGGLE UP
Tall, attractive, good hearted African female, 28yr old, enjoys films, good food and cuddles, WLTW a white male for friendship and romance. Box 441654 ☎

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Brunette female, 36yr old, single mum, enjoys socialising, dating, romantic moments and family activities, WLTW a male with similar interests for friendship, maybe more. Box 442393 ☎

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Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 ☎

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Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5'6", likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 ☎

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Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship. Box 889803 ☎

HUNGRY EYES
Slim female with hazel eyes, 44, attractive, GSOH, like eating in/out, pubs, clubbing, singing, dancing! WLTW tall, slim-medium male for fun, friendship and maybe more. Box 442808 ☎

ALL THAT I NEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833 ☎

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DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)
Deaf-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 ☎

A MOMENT LIKE THIS
Divorced female, 45, loyal, funny, curvaceous and very romantic, WLTW a faithful and funny guy for a relationship. Box 889366 ☎

READ ALL ABOUT IT
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LOVE IS AN OPTION...
Loving caring lady, 45, blonde hair, 5ft4, average build, loves a laugh, football, going out, country trips, seeking friends and hopeful partner for loving companionship. Box 442343 ☎

MOVING ON FROM FRIENDSHIP
Hi I'm 45, 5ft6, large build, blue eyes, non-smoker/driver, mother of two (daughter 10/son 15), seeking male to share life with, walks, beaches and more. Canterbury. Box 440592 ☎

SANDY SEEKS DANNY
Slim, pretty Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out etc, GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 442303 ☎

FANCY A DRINK?
Divorced female, 47, 5ft4, curvy, enjoys eating out, WLTW a nice and gentle male, non smoker, 43-53, with a GSOH for a relationship. Box 442303 ☎

FIT YOUR CRITERIA?
Fun to be with, caring, understanding female, 47, 5ft7, likes tennis, swimming, good meals, GSOH, seeking likewise male for lasting happiness and romance! Box 442719 ☎

MAKE ME LAUGH
Lonely, bored, professional Turnbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTW slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love, laughter. Box 440304 ☎

SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE
Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694 ☎

ATTRACTION & SATISFACTION
Hard-working, independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, enjoys cinema, eating out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship/more. Box 442205 ☎

MAYBE I'M AMAZED
Young-looking/attractive curvy woman, 41, looking for someone special, for nights out. Hopefully leading to something amazing and long term. Box 746781 ☎

LIFE IS LAUGHTER
Professional 41yr old female, 5'9", dark hair, blue eyes, single mum, happy-go-lucky, into sports, looking for professional, tall male, for laughter and happiness. Box 420077 ☎

ON A PLATE
Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", brunette, size 12, young looking, enjoy most things, looking for that special person to share my life. Box 895928 ☎

TOGETHER, FOREVER?
Caring person with GSOH, 48, would like to share my life with someone nice, who enjoys romantic walks, meals and wants to find love. Box 889783 ☎

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER
Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 425952 ☎

COME BACK TO ME
Life-loving female, 63, 5ft4, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys the beach, countryside, long walks, looking for sincere 60-62, non-smoking, for lasting happy partnership. Box 441687 ☎

SHARE LIFE
Active and young at heart female, 72, enjoys cinema, gardening, travelling and cooking, WLTW an honest, caring and intelligent male to share good company. Box 889398 ☎

PET ME
Sincere caring female, 50, 5ft2, likes gardening, animals, the outdoors, socialising, seeking similar non-smoker with GSOH for potential friendship/relationship. Box 441981 ☎

ENTERTAIN ME
49yr female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular visiting, dining, loving and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854 ☎

CARING & PROFESSIONAL
Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55, Hastings. Box 417100 ☎

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTW fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10", to share life. Box 163637 ☎

COAST AND COUNTRY
Hi, I'm a kind female, 52, slim, 5ft3, dark hair, I like music, dancing, reading, coast, countryside. Seeking kind, genuine man, 45-60, for LTR. Box 430302 ☎

MAKE ME SMILE
Kind-hearted woman, 55, 5ft2, short blonde hair, blue eyes, likes conversations, nights out, long walks, WLTW a similar male for fun & friendship, maybe more. Dover. Box 890167 ☎

A NEW START
Divorced female, 56, new to the area, enjoys going out, walking, music and nights in, WLTW a male to share fun times with. Box 442646 ☎

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ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE
Responsible stylish male, 40yr old, 6ft7, enjoys socialising, music and eating out, looking for a fun-loving female to start a committed relationship with. Box 442641 ☎

WORKAHOLIC SEEKS COUNTRY GIRL
Hi, I'm 40, down to earth, reliable, honest, like keeping fit, going out, meals out, watching movies, seeking similar lady for lasting love & happiness. Box 889495 ☎

MAKE IT A LOVELY DAY
Hi, I'm Carl, 40, GSOH, 6ft, light green eyes, brown hair, looking for a fun, bubbly woman to share laugh, days out and much more. Box 436696 ☎

PROFESSIONAL
Honest, easy going, professional, single male, 38, 5'10", medium build, no ties, likes sports, going out, seeks outgoing woman, for good times and bad. Box 934662 ☎

BRING BACK LOVE
Hi I'm Nick, 41, 5ft11, enjoy cinema, eating out, golf, WLTW similar brown-haired female for good times and lots of fun, perhaps love. Box 440769 ☎

JUST YOUR NORMAL KIND OF GUY
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BIG DEAL IN DEAL
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LOVE ME, LOVE MY ANIMALS
Hello my name is Patrick, mid 40s, I'm Irish, 5ft8 and I'm a professional. I love the countryside and animals, looking for a similar lady. Box 416605 ☎

SOUND GOOD?
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NEVER TOO LATE
Lovely male, 48, N/S, OHAC, loves the countryside, coasts, boat fairs, and walks, WLTW kind-hearted, cuddly female for friendship or long term relationship. Brighton. Box 442625 ☎

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PASSION FLOWER
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BEEN HURT IN THE PAST?
Hi, divorced, handsome male, 50yr old, WLTW a genuine and honest woman, 33-55, to take things slowly at first then see what happens. Box 889424 ☎

JOIN ME, COMPLETE US
Hi, I'm 50 with two grown up kids, love country pubs, walks, life, GSOH, WLTW a nice lady to get to know of any age. Box 439922 ☎

OPEN THE BOX!
Loyal, caring, varied man, 49, 5'7", slim, fairly fit, active interests, seeks nice lady for a lasting relationship. Margate. Box 184903 ☎

SEEKING MISS RIGHT
Romantic, tactile male, 48, slim, likes sports, cycling, walking, meals out, seeks affection, tactile female, for long term relationship. Box 803640 ☎

LOOK NO FURTHER
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TALL ORDER
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Relaxed redhead, 32yr old, 5ft4, enjoys theatre, meals and cosy nights in, WLTW a male, 30-42, for a happy relationship. Box 442617 ☎

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Single mum of 2, 32, WLTW someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 440670 ☎

FUN-LOVING FEMALE

Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Turnbridge Wells. Box 303734 ☎

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MOTORS NEWS



Weekend event shows Dodge's all-new cars

CHRYSLER Dodge Jeep dealers across Kent will use this weekend to launch two all-new cars, the Dodge Journey and Jeep Cherokee 4x4. While the latter is a familiar model name, the former is a new budget entry into the seven-seat MPV sector.

Canterbury's Dutton Forshaw dealership is going to town on the pair with a Ride and Drive event on Saturday and the site's dealer principal Lynne Kennard said: "The Journey takes the practicality of a minivan and the overall efficiency of a passenger car and blends the best attributes into an all-new crossover vehicle."



Alfa's star newcomer is a red-blooded Romeo

THIS weekend also brings the curtain down on the British International Motor Show at Excel, London, where 'eco-green' was tipped as the predominant colour.

Italy's Alfa Romeo had other ideas; it went for red instead and enough glamorous hostesses to recall bygone days before recognition of global warming, when girls, bhp and petrol fumes were what shows were all about.

Nevertheless, its star newcomer is the forthcoming MiTO supermini (pictured) – taking its name from the Italian fashion and car capitals of Milano and Torino.



Qashqai plus two will build on Nissan success

NISSAN is using the show to launch its enlarged +2 seats version of the Qashqai 'crossover' family model.

Despite a name pronounced 'cash-kai' that sounds even more like a violent sneeze now that 'plus-too' is added, it should build on what has been a massive success for the Japanese brand.

However, the presence of two extreme Nissan models – the all-white Denki Cube electric concept (pictured) and hugely powerful new GT-R supercar – underline the dilemma facing the whole motor industry.



STANDING OUT: Dodge's Avenger looks fantastic value in an overcrowded market sector with standard kit that includes six airbags, electronic stability, air con and a glovebox chiller

Avenger offers cut-price revenge on its key rivals

ROAD TEST DODGE AVENGER

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

But it is not a big price 'walk' – as the trade says – to the lavish SXT tested here (from £16,995). It is worth the extra for big 18-inch alloys, boot spoiler, heated front seats, leather seats, powered driver's seat and upmarket six-speaker Boston sound.

I was also impressed by MyGig – a £1,500 dashboard extra bundled with sat nav – that memorises CDs and links to iPod/MP3 players.

The Avenger is less tuned on the road; it has reasonable performance, but the chassis is saggy and copes badly with our increasingly poor road surfaces.

The VW powertrain on our 2.0CRD SXT (£18,250) test car felt as good as ever though – willing, frugal and perfect for motorway cruising. Storage, cupholders and boot are generous, with 'load through' rear folding seats on the SXT, although lifting the bootlid after a shower overruns the guttering and drowns your luggage.

Rear legroom is good too, though that rear window 'kick up' means kids may find it claustrophobic in the back.

Nevertheless, the Avenger looks fantastic value in a market sector where it is hard to stand out from the crowd.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

MIDI-MPVs

IN 1997, Renault tried lateral thinking with the 'people carrier' concept it pioneered with the Espace and came up with the 'midi' or 'compact' MPV (multi-purpose vehicle). The result was the original Scenic, blueprint for many more vehicles than the original Espace inspired, and the impetus for waves of tall, space efficient, 'MPV styling' across the car market. Unfortunately for Renault, arch-rival Citroën came up with a bigger selling Scenic rival, the Xsara Picasso, while Fiat and Honda calculated an extra seat was what many 'midi' MPV buyers needed.

CITROEN XSARA PICASSO



CITROEN quickly trumped Renault's pioneering Scenic and made the Xsara Picasso into the best-seller in a new market sector. It is only a five-seater, but the 'jelly mould design' smoothes the edges of a commodious and flexibly equipped box. It rides smoothly, but the same soft springing allows wallowing into the corners. The Xsara Picasso is available with excellent Peugeot-Citroën turbodiesels, has a good reliability record and is affordable and plentiful.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

FIAT MULTIPLA



MEDIA praise for originality on its arrival in 2000 did not translate into big sales for the Multipla. A midlife facelift made it more acceptable, allowing practical qualities to shine through. A relatively compact though wide body allows six to be seated comfortably in two three abreast rows and there is plenty of stowage and luggage space. It also drives well and the first choice 110bhp JTD turbodiesel is a lively powertrain, complementing the neat handling.

STAR QUALITY

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HONDA FR-V



HONDA delayed entry to and had time for a long look at this sector, before deciding that Fiat got it right with the Multipla layout. So the FR-V is another short, wide six-seater with two rows of seats. Though not as roomy as the Multipla, many buyers will like the peace-of-mind Honda engineering and slow depreciation. The middle seat in the front can also be staggered backwards to allow a child to be carried closer to mum and dad.

STAR QUALITY

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146 TI, 5 door, p 1996, this car is a 2 owner from new with FSH mainly main dealer, 94000 miles, £1455, Courtenay Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

147, T.SPARK 16V LUSSO 3dr, g104hc, immobiliser, remote alarm, full leather, trip computer, abs, twin air bags, climate control, cd player, radio, alloy wheels, black, 38000 miles, £5490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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A2, 1.4 SPORT 5dr, 03/10/2002, cd player abs alarm driver airbag 58488 miles, £5499, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

A4, 1.9TDI 130 se estate, 2003, blue m with grey cloth, 67000 miles, £3950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

TT, 1.8 2DR, 2002, trim: leather engine size: 1800 transmission: manual no. of doors: 2, green, 14000 miles, £14995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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500, Sport, g157cdg, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, E/W, traction control, trip computer, red, 3000 miles, £10495, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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Post Ref: S3

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In the context of promoting the Government's Early Years Agenda, Every Child Matters and The Children's Plan, Ashford local Children's Services Partnership offers an exciting opportunity across Ashford for a range of skilled, creative and committed people to join in the development of Children's Centres and Programmes to provide a comprehensive range of services for children under 5 and their families. Children's Centres bring together a range of services for children under 5 and their families in a friendly environment. Children's Centres are being developed across Kent as part of the Government's commitment to provide the best start in life for every child, support for parents, good quality childcare and safer, stronger communities.

This post will involve managing teams of staff developing a range of projects and services, which will implement the principles and core offer to be delivered within the Children's Centre. You will need to work alongside staff from a range of backgrounds and professions and lead effective multi-agency working. Experience of working within local communities is vital, as local children and families are key partners in the development of their Children's Centre.

You will have a degree or equivalent professional qualification in health, social work, education, community work or a similar field. Experience of working with children, families and communities as well as project management is essential. Team management and good interpersonal and communication skills is also a must for this exciting role. Owing to the sensitive nature of the work, an ability to remain confidential at all times is essential. Ref: CFE/08/0321.

Closing date: Midday, 30th July 2008.

Kent Safe Schools is widely recognised as a successful countywide organisation, highly skilled in developing peer-led approaches to tackling social issues and improving outcomes for children and young people across Kent.

Kent Restorative Justice Co-ordinator

Starting salary £29,920, with progression through contribution related pay to £35,370 per annum
Fixed term until 31st March 2010 and is dependent on continued funding Countywide - base negotiable

We are currently seeking an individual with the skills necessary to lead on the successful implementation of the Restorative Practice schools accreditation scheme. To achieve this it will be necessary to forge excellent working relationships with headteachers and other key partners to develop effective training, guidance, resources and support for schools and the wider community.

The ability to work collaboratively to influence change within the school and wider environment is essential, as is an extensive knowledge and experience of Restorative Practices.

You will have a professional qualification in a relevant field and experience or further professional development relating to Restorative Approaches. This will include an understanding of relevant legislation, guidance, key issues and models/approaches for implementing Restorative Practices within schools and settings. Excellent communication skills and the ability to collate, analyse and interpret data, in order to improve service delivery and outcomes, is essential. Ref: CFE/08/0331

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.

Kent Safe Schools Project Officer

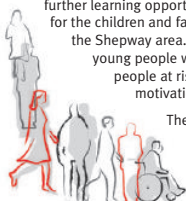
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You will be full of ideas and enjoy using your initiative, joining our dedicated and highly effective staff team.

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The busy nature of this service requires you to balance the need to provide appropriate advice whilst maintaining an awareness of call handling targets.

You'll be PC literate and combine proven competence in a customer-focused role with a positive attitude and excellent team-working skills. Although some kind of legal experience would be helpful, you will be provided with in-depth training.

Working hours are subject to a shift pattern that will include some weekend work. Ref: CMY/08/0176

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Closing date: Midday, 13th August 2008.

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Closing date: Midday, 8th August 2008.

Emergency Planning Officer

£20,061 - £29,920 Salary dependent on experience and progression through the Career Grade is based on the fulfilment of required competencies

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Closing date: Midday, 18th August 2008

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Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 per annum
Kroner House, Ashford

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You will also possess experience with funding applications, business and financial plans within an advisory and supportive capacity.

Working in a multi-agency environment, you will have good communication skills and the ability to work effectively and sensitively with the widest range of colleagues. Ref: CFE/08/0344

Closing date: Midday, 11th August 2008.

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Kroner House, Ashford

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Lecturer in Media Theory 08/53

18.5 hours per week, salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum

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Job Summary

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Candidates must have the ability to work within a team and on their own initiative with minimal support. Excellent keyboard skills and computer literacy is required and you will have experience of working in a busy administrative environment with good organisation, time management skills together with an accurate and systematic approach.

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Job ref: CA0181E

Salary: LNFA Scale point 3 £12.16 per hour

Hours: Vary according to the planned course

Location: Medway

Assessors for iTQ award – must have vocational IT qualification and experience and be prepared to travel within Medway.

For informal discussion or application pack please contact Chris Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Insurance risks could drive your firm crazy

WEST Wickham insurance broker Smart and Cook is warning Kent companies they could be at risk from various legal issues if their employees use their own vehicles to carry out business tasks.

It says companies could be setting themselves up for heavy claims, litigation and, in some cases, even prosecution if they have no or inadequate insurance.

The increasingly heavy tax burden on company cars has all but killed them off.

This means that, increasingly, even cars with high business miles are owned by staff, while firms often ask employees to use their own vehicles to make deliveries, visit clients or go to the bank.

Trade with confidence on KCC-backed website

DURING the summer there will be plenty of residents wanting to have work carried out in their homes or gardens, but are wary about finding a trustworthy business.

With the activity of rogue traders hotting up during the good weather, Kent County Council's trading standards officers are encouraging people to log on to the Buy with Confidence website, www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk, to find details of approved traders.

The site is free to use and features only local businesses that have passed the assessments carried out by Kent Trading Standards.

Music while you work could prove expensive

TENS of thousands of Kent businesses are getting letters from the Performing Rights Society to make them aware of the consequences of, and possible legal action that could result from, breaking UK copyright law by playing music in the workplace without a PRS licence.

The law ensures the UK's songwriters and composers PRS represents, receive royalties for the use of their work. Keith Gilbert, managing director, said: "PRS is a vital source of income to the creators of music, 90 per cent of whom earn less than £5,000 a year in royalties."

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Pressure piles on to leave us all too tired

Three quarters of us are not getting enough sleep, claims survey

■ BY TONY PATEY

SLEEPING has figured in songs from Donovan to Seether but money worries and the credit squeeze becoming tighter are striking different notes as a wave of shut-eye deprivation sweeps across the UK workforce.

Twenty two million workers – that's three-quarters of the workforce – admitted getting less than the prescribed eight hours of sleep each night of the working week, says a recent report.

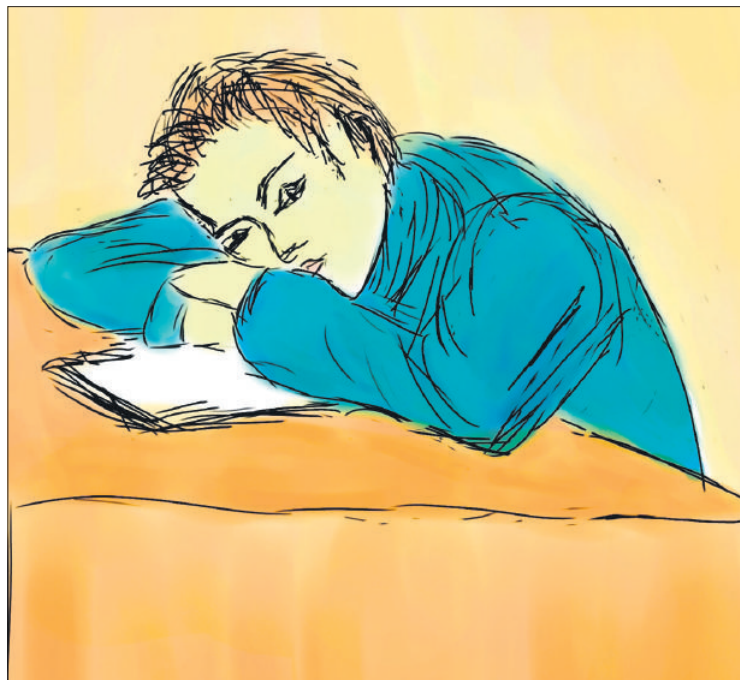
Topping the list for insomnia are estate agents, who are apparently getting only five hours and 50 minutes sleep a night – more than two hours less than the daily recommended sleep quota.

The Travelodge company, which has hotels in Canterbury, Ashford and Margate, said the study revealed that two professions facing rocketing fuel prices – lorry and taxi drivers – were the next two groups missing most 'shut eye', sharing an average of just six hours and 16 minutes a night.

Then came another economy-hit profession, bankers, who manage just six hours and 23 minutes of sleep. Builders and accountants came next with both getting six hours and 24 minutes.

Leigh McCarron, Travelodge's director of sleep, said: "It is no surprise that the professions in the industries worst hit by the credit crunch come top of the charts. We all know that money worries and job security are key drivers of stress which in turn, leads to significant sleep loss."

The budget hotel chain's study also revealed the key reasons why 40 per cent of workers regularly experience difficulty getting to sleep: work pressures and money worries, leaving work late, having an alcoholic drink at bed-



WIDE AWAKE: Not sleeping because of financial worry is affecting more and more people – especially estate agents

time and going home to start work again were all causes.

Mr McCarron said: "Don't let the credit crunch keep you awake, it's a vicious circle. Although you may fret about your job and have financial worries; you cannot afford to sacrifice your sleep quota."

"Losing valuable hours of sleep will certainly

ly impact upon your well-being and productivity."

In case you're wondering – director of sleep? Yes, that's his title. The firm takes its job of giving clients a good night's sleep very, very seriously, and Mr McCarron has a wide brief from helping design rooms to trying out beds. Let's hope he doesn't sleep on the job.

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Thrashing means Upchurch in danger of going down

UPCHURCH 2nd XI remain in danger of relegation in Division Three after Catford & Cyphers thrashed them by eight wickets.

Batting first, just two Upchurch players made it into double figures as they were bowled out for a mere 93 runs.

Catford & Cyphers made light work of the low victory target, surpassing it in the 29th over.

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Paralympic legend Tanni Grey-Thompson praises Kent's grass roots investment

Amjad inspires Lords with an all-round effort

KENT bowler Amjad Khan was in superb form with bat and ball but Lordswood fell one wicket short of the win they needed to escape from the bottom two.

The 27-year-old, who missed the whole of last season with a knee injury, scored 61 and took 4-30 as the visitors had to settle for a winning draw.

Lordswood were put into bat and got off to the worst possible start as both openers were dismissed for ducks.

When Craig Ervine departed for 11, the visitors looked on course for another defeat but the game was turned by a partnership between Peter Stock and Khan.

Together the pair put on 125 for the

CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

fourth wicket to put Lordswood on top, with Stock falling 11 runs short of his first century of the season.

Further runs in the middle order gave Tunbridge Wells a victory target of 231.

Khan, along with James and Matt Iles, made inroads into the Tunbridge Wells line-up and at 119-8 the hosts were on the brink of defeat.

But determined batting from the hosts' tail frustrated Lordswood as they fell one wicket short of a priceless victory.

The draw kept them in touch, only two points from safety.



DRIVING SEAT: Lordswood dominated but had to settle for a draw

Kent League Premier Division

Tunbridge Wells CC 1st XI v Lordswood CC 1st XI

Lordswood

	Runs
Alan Pattenden lbw b Fenwick	0
Lyndon Lockhart b Reynolds	0
Peter Stock lbw b Priestman	89
Craig Ervine lbw b Smith	11
Amjad Khan ct Routh b Smith	61
Jeremy Greaves not out	23
Efren Cruz ct Sticker b Smith	17
Mohamed Dada not out	12
Matt Iles did not bat	
James Iles did not bat	
Philip Mayes did not bat	
Extras (lb 7lb 6w 3nb)	17
Total (6 wickets, 55 overs)	230

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Oli Reynolds	9	3	30	1
Chris Fenwick	9	1	30	1
Mark Smith	14	3	64	3
Fred Florry	12	0	41	0
Philip du Plessis	7	0	34	0
Oliver Priestman	4	0	23	1

Tunbridge Wells

	Runs
Alex Williams ct Stock b Iles	22
Will Sticker b Khan	1
Mark Smith b J Iles	42
Philip du Plessis b J Iles	27
Oliver Priestman ct Cruz b M Iles	2
Brough Cooper b M Iles	1
Daniel Thirkell ct Stock b Khan	28
Simon Routh b Khan	8
Oli Reynolds b Khan	0
Fred Florry not out	23
Chris Fenwick not out	11
Extras (9b 6lb 8w 2nb)	25
Total (9 wickets, 55 overs)	190

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Amjad Khan	9	3	30	4
James Iles	13	6	27	2
Matt Iles	14	2	48	3
Jeremy Greaves	6	1	25	0
Peter Stock	5	1	14	0
Philip Mayes	8	2	31	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Upchurch CC 1st XI v
HSBC CC 1st XI

UPCHURCH'S grip on Division Three was loosened on Saturday as they lost to rivals HSBC by 140 runs.

The defeat for the former runaway leaders has seen them slip from the top spot into second place.

HSBC opener Jack Harris set the tone with 62 from 52 balls as the visitors racked up 250 after winning the toss.

In reply, Upchurch got off to a terrible start as they were reduced to 33-5. Still more than 200 runs behind, they never recovered and slumped to a comprehensive defeat in the 47th over.

Michael Hales top scored for the home side and only two other batsmen registered double figures.

HSBC

	Runs
Michael Roberts	71
Jack Harris	62
Richard Colbourn	4
Alan Slater	36
Neepesh Thacker	0
Richard Slater	5
Stuart Bate	37
Sam Pope	8
Mark Bowles	10
Matthew Abslom	2
Nicholas Wheddon	1
Extras (4lb 4w 5nb)	14
Total (all out, 50 overs)	250

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Daniel Parker	6	1	30	0
Andy Holmwood	3	0	23	0
Adam Hodder	13	0	71	3
Michael Hales jr	15	3	45	1
John Sutton	9	1	40	2
Kevin Collis	4	0	36	3

Upchurch

	Runs
Dean Headley	4
Jim Phillips	0
Lee Taylor	0
Michael Hales jr	14
Daniel Parker	0
Michael Hales	38
Adam Hodder	8
Warren Little	12
John Sutton	0
Kevin Collis	0
Andy Holmwood	5
Extras (1lb 12w)	13
Total (all out, 46.2 overs)	110

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Stuart Bate	7	0	20	1
Sam Pope	12	4	31	2
Alan Slater	12.2	4	31	5
Richard Colbourn	7	5	9	0
Matthew Abslom	4	1	13	1
Nicholas Wheddon	4	2	5	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Rainham CC 1st XI v
Bromley Town CC 1st XI

RAINHAM'S promotion hopes took a blow as they could only take a losing draw from their match with fellow mid-table side Bromley Town.

The visitors chose to bat first and although all of their top order got into double figures, none converted them into big scores until David Scorer hit a half century.

Kevin Taylor took 4-54, but Bromley's 246 looked a decent total.

James Austin, Phil Bellars and Callum Mitchell all made big scores for the hosts, but the rest of the team were all out in single figures which prevented Rainham challenging for victory.

Bromley Town

	Runs
Alex Taylor	20
Ian Ferrier	10
Richard Dicker	13
Rob Rickard	35
Danny Turano	15
David Scorer	53
William Goodyear	20
Thomas Smith	46
Luke Lovereage	8
Matt Twose	0
James Slamon	0
Extras (12b 8lb 8nb)	28
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	246

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Callum Mitchell	12	4	52	2
Matthew Newton	12	3	55	1
James Sherhod	8	0	43	2
Kevin Taylor	13	1	54	4
Nick Plumridge	5	0	22	0

Rainham

	Runs
James Austin	70
Matt Goodwin	7
Glen Cook	0
Nick Plumridge	4
Phil Bellars	46
Callum Mitchell	55
Paul Swaine	0
John Dangerfield	5
James Sherhod	3
Kevin Taylor	2
Matthew Newton	0
Extras (12b 4lb 6w)	22
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	214

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
William Goodyear	12	3	51	2
Luke Lovereage	9	1	26	2
Rob Rickard	4	1	30	0
Alex Taylor	15	3	37	2
David Scorer	3	1	20	0
Richard Dicker	7	0	34	3

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1B

Borstal CC 1st XI v
Old Williamsonsians CC 1st XI

A CENTURY from Adam Ling gave title hopefuls Old Williamsonsians a comprehensive eight-wicket victory against Borstal.

Put into bat first, Borstal struggled to score quickly enough to set a decent target. They lost wickets regularly which upset their rhythm, with the biggest partnership only 38 runs. Daniel Tingley top scored with 43 but received little support from his team mates.

Chasing 159, Old Williamsonsians lost opener Luke Butcher for a duck. They recovered from the early setback and Adam Ling's unbeaten century proved the difference, surpassing Borstal's total in the 35th over.

Borstal

	Runs
Arshad Hussain	11
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Majid Arshad	5
Daniel Tingley	43
James Whittell	8
Robin Knight	11
Alex Porter	9
Satish Kumar	17
Adam Mahomed	12
Mohamed Amjad Awan	8
Fred Tippet	0
Extras (6b 8lb 9w 1nb)	24
Total (8 wickets, 46 overs)	158

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Phil Patterson	12	0	43	3
Luke Butcher	8	1	17	0
Jonathon Child	10	2	37	4
David Bage	11	4	32	1
Marc King	5	1	15	0

Old Williamsonsians

	Runs
Luke Butcher	0
Daniel Budge	18
Adam Ling	104
Sean Holbrook	22
Andrew Routledge	0
Jonathon Child	0
David Fordham	0
David Bage	0
Andy Wood	0
Marc King	0
Phil Patterson	0
Extras (3b 2lb 11w 1nb)	17
Total (2 wickets, 34.5 overs)	161

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Mohamed Amjad Awan	0	0	44	1
Majid Arshad	9	2	22	0
Adam Mahomed	4.5	1	35	0
Satish Kumar	7	1	28	0
Amjad Hussain	5	0	27	1

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1B

Frindsbury CC 1st XI v
Westgate-on-Sea CC 1st XI

A NINTH-WICKET partnership of 58 saw Frindsbury pull off an unlikely two-wicket victory against their rivals to go top of the league.

Accurate bowling from the Frindsbury attack restricted their opponents to 150-9 from their allocation. Samuel Gracey returned the best figures with 3-41, while Matt Payne took 2-29 from nine overs.

Despite chasing a relatively low total, Frindsbury struggled and were reduced to the brink of defeat on 96-8.

But Dan Reeves and Matt Payne launched an incredible comeback and guided the home side to victory with eight overs to spare.

Westgate-On-Sea

	Runs
Nick Sandwell	45
Alan Finch	2
Chris Flint	5
Keith Sandwell	10
Lewis Finch	21
Alex Spokes	0
Jason Mickle	5
Ross Heathcote	2
Martin Arnold	11
Brian Andrews	14
Nick Haynes	10
Extras (5b 5lb 14w 1nb)	25
Total (9 wickets, 46 overs)	150

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Matt Payne	9	1	29	2
Chris Mumford	10	3	21	1
Sam Dudgeon	7	1	17	1
Tim Jones	10	2	32	1
Samuel Gracey	10	0	41	3

Frindsbury

	Runs
Dhaivat Mehta	26
Ian Budd	6
Nigel Pullen	6
Robert Sait	3
Sam Dudgeon	13
Dan Scudder	16
Dan Reeves	23
Chris Mumford	3
Samuel Gracey	0
Matt Payne	42
Tim Jones	0
Extras (3lb 7w 6nb)	16
Total (8 wickets, 38 overs)	154

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Ross Heathcote	11	3	31	2
Jason Mickle	9	2	33	1
Brian Andrews	7	0	28	1
Lewis Finch	8	2	43	3
Chris Flint	3	0	17	0

Gills not concerned by pre-season defeats

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

GILLINGHAM'S lack of victories in pre-season is nothing to worry about, according to assistant manager Scott Barrett.

Before last night's match against Dover Athletic, the League Two side had won only one of their first five games – an 8-0 thrashing of Faversham Town.

Gills lost three of the other four, scoring just once in the process, despite having a virtually fully-fit squad, but Barrett is unconcerned by the results.

He said: "You can have good pre-seasons and be poor in the league and have poor pre-seasons and be good in the league, so it's what happens at the start of the season.

"Obviously if you are going through pre-season and beating teams comfortably that's nice, but it's by no means the be all and end all."

There were signs of improve-

ment in the previous two games, a 1-1 draw with Ipswich and 2-0 defeat at the hands of Birmingham City. Gills had good spells in both matches, which has encouraged Barrett.

He said: "I think a lot of credit can be taken from those two performances.

"By no means were we over-awed by the opposition and I think the scorelines were close, sometimes the big teams come down to smaller ones and they embarrass them, that's not happened."

With ten days to go until the start of the season, Gills will look to fine tune their preparations with games against Aveley this evening and Thurrock on Saturday.

New signing Mark McCammon is likely to make his debut in one of the games this week as he regains fitness after a hamstring strain.

Manager Mark Stimson is also hoping to give trialists Michael Burns and Leslie Thompson another chance after the pair played the first half against Birmingham.

Log on to www.yourmedway.co.uk for a match report from last night's game against Dover.



Picture: KEITH SLATER

POSITIVE: Simeon Jackson's four goals have been one of the main positives for the Gills

FOOTBALL

Binks upbeat as Chats beat Hythe

CHATHAM Town began their pre-season fixtures in style with a 5-1 win against Kent League side Hythe Town on Saturday.

Promising youngster Nick Minshull sent Chats in at the break 1-0 up at Reachfields with a neat finish.

Town boss Steve Binks shuffled his pack in the second half and his more experienced line-up ran a depleted Hythe team ragged. New signing Ashley Proberts capped an impressive debut with a goal, with Steve Hafner and a brace from Dominic Elmes finished the rout.

Binks said: "I don't want to get carried away with the result but I was delighted with the way we played."

Town continue their preparations with games at Faversham tomorrow night and at home to Margate on Saturday.

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Our reporter takes part in some pre-season training with the Gills

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So close yet so far for Spitfires

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT Spitfires lost their grip on the Twenty20 Cup in a thrilling final at the Rose Bowl.

Rob Key's side lost by three runs as they attempted to overhaul Middlesex Crusaders' total of 187 for six, a record total in a Twenty20 final.

Set such a substantial target, Kent got off to a flier as Joe Denly and Key set about the Middlesex bowling attack, going at more than ten an over for the first five.

The two Kent openers showed that while Twenty20 is about scoring boundaries and getting quick runs, it doesn't have to be about slogs, sweeps and paddles as they each played a succession of elegant cover drives, cuts and pulls to pull their side back into the game.

Key was in terrific form, reaching his half-century off just 30 balls, but it was the introduction of spinners Murali Kartik and veteran Shaun Udal that helped turn the game and they accounted for both Denly and Key.

South African Justin Kemp, struggling for runs for the county this summer, was promoted to number three, where he played the type of innings for which he is renowned.

Kemp smashed three sixes in an entertaining stand of 72 with Darren Stevens as the Spitfires closed in on their target, leaving them requiring 16 from the final over.

The target was then reduced to six off three



Picture: JOHN KIRKOP

WAIT AND SEE: Rob Key is sceptical about Kent's chances of playing in the inaugural Champions League later this year

balls. Kemp could manage only two off the first two, meaning the Spitfires had to score three to tie, which would have secured the title courtesy of having lost fewer wickets than Middlesex.

However, Kemp was unable to get the ball away and was run out, handing victory to the Crusaders and, with it, a place in the Stanford

Super Series and a chance to pocket a huge £200,000.

While Key was disappointed not to get his hands on the trophy again, he was pleased with his side's effort at Twenty20 finals day.

He said: "The one thing we haven't done is hide. Generally we have fielded well and it is times like that in big games when you find out

the characters of players and I thought everyone stood up, so it was good.

"That final was a great advert for Twenty20. It was a fantastic effort to have got that close.

"It was pretty frustrating getting out for 50-odd as the stage was set for me to play a serious Twenty20 innings and get us a great victory.

"I always say it is not about the blokes who get out to a good ball for less than 10 – it is those who get in who will win or lose you the game. I was one of those who got in and got out."

The day had started well for Spitfires as they cruised to what turned out to be a comfortable 14-run win over the Essex Eagles in the first semi-final of the day.

The Spitfires, together with the Crusaders, will now be entered in the inaugural £2.4 million Champions League against teams from South Africa, Australia and India.

Kent's involvement in the competition, although assured by the England and Wales Cricket Board, is yet to be 100 per cent confirmed by organisers of India's cricket board because of their inclusion of 'rebel' Indian Cricket League stars Justin Kemp and Azhar Mahmood.

Key is sceptical about his side's involvement and is refusing to think about playing in the competition in India until it is confirmed.

He said: "It is a bonus if it happens, but there has been a bit of confusion about it all the way along. We will only know how good it is if an English team walks away with the money and starts turning up for games in much better cars.

"There are so many unanswered questions that I think it is probably a pipe-dream that is not worth us getting carried away about."

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